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STOP THEM STEALING YOUR CASH

New campaign to trap the benefit fraudsters

IT hits every taxpayer in the pocket and deprives us of money that could go to the community.

Today Yourmedway launches a campaign to crack down on benefit cheats who plague society. It's called 'Your Money - Your Loss'.

We have teamed up with Medway council in a determined effort to highlight the huge drain on our cash.

As part of the drive we asking our readers to help root out the benefit cheats who take money they do not deserve.

BY SIMON ROBINSON



We will make it crystal clear that those who think they are pulling the wool over the authorities' eyes can run - but they can not hide.

And with every person found guilty will be forced to pay back the money they have fraudulently received - and

hit with a punishment - we hope YOU will help in naming and shaming those who are breaking the law.

Deputy council leader Alan Jarrett said: "Medway council is giving Yourmedway's benefit cheats campaign its full backing and I hope readers will do too.

"Benefit fraud is nothing less than theft of public money - residents' money - and I urge everyone in Medway to help us track down and prosecute these thieves.

"We take benefit fraud very seriously and want to tell fraudsters that

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Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

PRICE IS RIGHT FOR FANS

Glamour model Katie Price met her fans and signed copies of her new book at Bluewater this week.

The reality TV star, known as Jordan in her topless modelling days, sported new dark hair as she continues to change her image after recent breast reduction surgery.

She came to Britain's biggest shopping centre for the book-signing session at its Waterstone's store.

Her new autobiography, Jordan: Pushed To The Limit, reveals the ups and downs of her life, including post-natal depression, her marriage to singer Peter Andre and health fears for her husband and children.

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TERMINAL: The Paddock was the original site for the bus station, but the plan proved unpopular

Bus station is finally agreed

■ BY JON COATES

THE SIR John Hawkins way flyover will be reduced to rubble in the coming months – making way for a new £5 million bus station.

The flyover's fate was sealed at last week's council cabinet meeting, when councillors agreed upon the Sir John Hawkins Way/Globe Lane site as the location for the terminal.

Medway council leader Rodney Chambers said the demolition work would "inevitably cause disruption" but was "a price worth paying".

The Liberal Democrats reacted angrily to the announcement, saying the decision would have a huge impact on traders, taxi drivers, shoppers and motorists.

Lib Dem councillor Herby Crack said: "I'm disappointed the ruling Tories have accepted the location of this facility. This will mean the immediate closure of the flyover and Globe Lane, causing immense disruption to Chatham's traffic well into the foreseeable future."

Cllr Chambers defended the decision, which comes after years of public consultation, seven separate proposals and tireless campaigning by furious retailers who said trade had

slumped since the flyover was closed.

He said: "Getting this right is vitally important for Chatham's future and that's why it has been the subject of so much discussion and consultation."

"It's now clear the most logical location is Globe Lane, which makes demolition of the Sir John Hawkins flyover unavoidable."

"This is a complex project and the works will inevitably cause disruption. But that is a price worth paying."

"The new bus station is a key element of the improved public transport system Medway will need as the regeneration programme takes shape."

"It will replace the bus station at The Pentagon, which is a highly unsatisfactory bus station environment."

"That, in turn, clears the way for the £80m expansion of The Pentagon the new owners are keen to get on with."

Demolition of the flyover and the building of the bus station will be followed by the widening of The Brook, a series of junction improvements and three new car parks providing 500 spaces.

Medway's £1 billion regeneration programme will transform Chatham as Medway's new city centre.

Plans for the Chatham Waterfront regeneration site, between Sun Pier and the Command House pub, include striking apartments, a waterfront park, cafés, restaurants and a major new arts and entertainment venue.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

See your school in our new feature

YOURMEDWAY is launching a schools page next week for all the latest education news in the area.

Let us know if you have events, achievements, Ofsted reports, or plays and performances by emailing yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk or calling the newsroom on 01303 817000.

Parents, teachers and pupils can also upload videos clips of their school events or clubs on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk for inclusion in the schools page.

Meet a movie legend at Bluewater signing

HOLLYWOOD legend Kathleen Turner will visit Bluewater next weekend to sign copies of her memoirs.

In Send Yourself Roses the film and TV star, who made her name as blockbusters such as Romancing the Stone, charts her rise from struggling New York actress to household name.

The superstar will sign copies of the book at Waterstone's on Saturday March 8 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

Emergency surgery after man is stabbed

A YOUNG man underwent emergency surgery after reportedly being stabbed by a woman in a domestic dispute.

The 22-year-old was knifed in the chest at a house in Gillingham Road, Gillingham, on Sunday at 9.25pm.

Paramedics raced the man to Medway Maritime Hospital, where his condition was described as "not life-threatening".

A 29-year-old woman was arrested by police in connection with the incident and was being questioned in custody.

Manhunt as teen is sexually assaulted

A TEENAGE girl was sexually assaulted at Medway Valley Business Park in the early hours of Saturday.

The 16-year-old was attacked at the Strood park at 2.20am, sparking a major police investigation.

An 18-year-old man from Minster on the Isle of Sheppey was arrested, but has been released on police bail.

Police have appealed for anyone leaving the nearby nightclub at the time to contact them.

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Pupils remember heroic classmate

School pay tribute to popular boy

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE LIFE of brave schoolboy Hayden Waller was honoured by classmates and teachers at a special black tie assembly.

Pupils at the Howard School fell silent at 8.45am on Monday morning to remember the popular 12-year-old, who died during a school skiing holiday in the Austrian Alps.

Hayden's parents also attended the service, in which his closest friends read tributes to him.

The sombre assembly was held on the first day back to school after the half-term break and came a week after Hayden's death.

The youngster was killed instantly after falling 30ft into a crevasse and breaking his neck while trekking with three friends in the southern resort of Mallnitz.

Hayden heroically dived after classmate Rodger Whitlow, 13, who had lost his footing near the cliff edge.

The other boy's fall was broken by a tree and he escaped with minor injuries.

Hayden's mum Hayley, from Wigmore, flew



REMEMBERING: Mum Hayley, dad Gary and brother Aaron look at the floral tributes to Hayden Waller (inset) left outside The Howard School for the 12-year-old who died trying to save a friend on a school skiing trip Pictures KNP

out to the Mallnitz resort prior to the accident to be with her son and husband Gary.

In a statement she said of son Hayden: "Everyone loved him. He was the most lovable, likeable child you have ever come across and we are absolutely devastated."

More than 400 friends and well-wishers paid tribute to the 12-year-old by leaving messages of condolence on social networking group Facebook.

One message read: "I would just like to say that this is a massive loss not only to his family and friends, but to the school and community as a whole."

"He was such a friendly, outgoing and joyful child and will sadly be missed by all. Hayden died a hero, he risked his life for his friends, he will forever be in our thoughts."

A memorial website set up in Hayden's honour was also flooded with touching tributes from friends, teachers and stunned Medway residents.

Dad Gary extended his thanks to those who posted messages, writing: "I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and their flowers."

"I will get around to thank everyone, but at the moment I'm finding it hard to talk."

Campaigners teach a lesson

CAMPAIGNERS have been rewarded for their tireless efforts – with council chiefs changing their Strood academy plans in their favour this week.

Save Our Chapter Kids' chair, Shane Hadley, said he was delighted councillors took the group's concerns on board when rubber-stamping plans to merge the high-achieving Chapter School with the struggling Temple boys' school.

Mr Hadley said: "The councillors moved on their original proposal as they've agreed on a gradual transition of boys into Chapter from 2009."

"There will be a minimum of three years of integration before the academy begins."

"It's great that we've had an effect, but the council has not moved far enough so we will continue the campaign."

"We'll keep fighting to ensure our daughters' educations, as well as those of the boys in Strood, are secure."

Cabinet members agreed to issue statutory notices of closure to Chapter and Temple Schools, moving a step closer towards the planned £24 million vocational academy.

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Julie Maddocks discovers how Dickens World helps teachers

'They will be prosecuted'

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they won't get away with it.

"They will be caught, they will be prosecuted and they will have to pay back what they have stolen – and they could be imprisoned."

"Money lost through benefit fraud is money that should have been spent on providing essential services to the community. So the entire community suffers as a result."

"I therefore hope the entire community will help us and Yourmedway do all we can to put a stop to benefit fraud."

• If you know a fraudster call Medway council benefits investigation team on 01634 332305 or leave a message on its benefit fraud hotline 0800 083 7049.

Lifeline offered to Post Offices

POST office branches earmarked for closure are being offered a lifeline by business advisors.

Business Link and Kent County Council have joined forces to put together a support programme for the four Medway shops affected after fearing the loss in post office custom could put them out of business.

To book a meeting with an advisor call 08456 009 006.

Bishop refuses to apologise for Islamic opinions

THE Bishop of Rochester has defended his controversial comments on the effects of Islamic extremism in the UK, claiming it is "his duty" to speak out.

The outspoken Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali has refused to apologise for his inflammatory views, made last month in the Sunday Telegraph.

Despite receiving death threats for claiming extremism had led to "no-go areas" across the country for non-Muslims, the bishop said he had no regrets.

In a follow-up interview he said: "The issue had to be raised. There are times when Christian leaders have to speak out. It's my duty."

Dr Nazir-Ali goes on to insist his remarks were "based on evidence" and "strengthened as a result of overwhelming correspondence".

He argues that a "spiritual and moral vacuum" has occurred in

Britain over the past half-century.

Unless Christianity fills that void, he adds, something else may take its place – "and that could be Islam".

He said: "Do the British people really want to lose that rooting in the Christian faith that has given them everything they cherish – art, literature, architecture, institutions, the monarchy, their value system, their laws?"

The bishop also rejected claims made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who himself had courted controversy by stating the adoption of Sharia law in the UK was "unavoidable".

Dr Nazir-Ali said: "People of every faith should be free within the law to follow what their spiritual leaders direct them to, but that's very different saying their structures should replace that of the English legal system because there would be conflicts."

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Drop-in centre to help support MS sufferers

A MULTIPLE sclerosis society drop-in centre opened its doors this week to give support to sufferers and their families.

The facility at Warren Wood School in Rochester will run every Thursday, except on March 6 and April 24.

Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw, who attended the official opening, said: "Some people with MS develop few symptoms, but for others the disease and society's interactions with them lead to problems affecting all aspects of their lives."

Arson suspected after two ponies die in blaze

TWO miniature ponies were killed in a suspected arson attack at a farm.

The animals died in the blaze at the stables in Binney Road, Allhallows, on Friday at 2.20pm. Firefighters raced to the scene and extinguished the fire, but were unable to save the animals.

It is believed that the fire was started deliberately.

Det Con Steve Goldsmith said: "This is a cruel and malicious act and a full investigation has been launched."

Cadet picks up prize for Poppy Appeal fund effort

A TEENAGER received an award this week after raising more money for the Poppy Appeal than any other Air Cadet in Kent.

John Ellis, 13, of 1039 Gillingham Squadron, raised £155 during the two-week appeal in November.

Squadron commanding officer Flight Lieutenant Paul Collins said: "All our cadets put a phenomenal amount of effort into fundraising. But the person who raises the most out of Kent's cadets, of which there are about 1,300, deserves special praise."

Gills signed football for smoker who kicks habit

A FOOTBALL signed by Gillingham players is up for grabs for smokers who try to kick the habit.

The prize is being offered as part of National No Smoking Day on Wednesday March 12, on which a million people are thought to give up tobacco.

The Stop Smoking Team and Sid the Cigarette will be the Pentagon Shopping Centre in Chatham on March 12 from 9am to 3.30pm to offer advice to those wanting to quit smoking.



Council leader RODNEY CHAMBERS has written this exclusive account of his vision for the future of the region for Yourmedway. And to see how the riverside regeneration schemes are taking shape, join our reporter Nick Ames on a helicopter flight over Rochester on Yourkenttv.

I HAVE lost count of how many times I've heard those words 'many years and many artists' impressions ago...

But these days I hear it less and less. And a year from now I'm confident that all but Medway's most hardened sceptics will have stopped saying it.

Because in 2008/2009 people will see many of those artist's impressions becoming reality. They will see major physical change as the 'delivery phase' of Medway's £1 billion regeneration programme gathers pace.

On our flagship Rochester Riverside regeneration site, with its great views of our famous castle and cathedral, they will see developers appointed to build the first 600 of 2,000 new homes – together with a striking new hotel.

Vision

Away from the 70 acres of Rochester Riverside, regeneration projects will start to take shape on numerous other key sites across the emerging new 'river city' of the Thames Gateway.

That is the vision. Nothing less. A new world-class City of Medway, with Chatham transformed as the city's retail, commercial and cultural hub. Chatham Waterfront has vast potential. Plans there include riverside apartments, a hotel, and a theatre and conference centre.

We have 9,000 students in four universities at Chatham Maritime, a population of 250,000 set to grow to 300,000 and excellent transport links to London, Dover and Europe.

In 2009, high-speed commuter services on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link will put us half an hour from central London.

Our regeneration drive will deliver 16,000 new homes and 40,000 jobs.

Medway has become a favourite location for TV news coverage of regeneration stories because we have the shots they need – shots of regeneration in action.

Leading Thames Gateway figures have

'I'll believe it when I see it'



RIVER CITY: Computer-generated image of how Rochester Riverside site will look when regeneration is completed

described us as a shining example of how to deliver major regeneration. They talk of the 'Medway model'.

Our regeneration programme was kick-started by £120million of public money for

the acquisition and preparation of prime development sites along seven miles of the River Medway. Now private sector money is turning our vision into reality.

We're developing an 'investment partnership' with regeneration specialists St Modwen Properties PLC. This is expected to generate more than £1billion.

We are unique in the Thames Gateway in having our own regeneration unit – Medway Renaissance.

Our regeneration will be strategic, not piecemeal. We will deliver places and spaces of the highest quality, not urban sprawl.

The renowned architect Sir Terry Farrell is Medway's 'Design Champion'. He believes that in all 40 miles of the vast Thames Gateway regeneration zone, Medway is the region with the greatest potential.

And Sir Terry is a big fan of what may become Medway's boldest regeneration project.

We're exploring the idea of a 'skycab' cable car system that would cross the river at key points, connecting the new city.

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PITCHED BATTLE: Council is set to raise the cost of hiring sports pitches threatening the future of clubs

Fears clubs will go under if pitch fees are raised

SPORTS clubs across Medway may be forced to fold after council bosses proposed raising fees for using pitches.

Clubs using recreation grounds with a pavilion may be forced to shell out £500 to hire a pitch in 2008/2009 – a rise of 19 per cent on last year's figure of £420.

Council chiefs are also considering increasing the fees for non-pavilion fields to £300, up 11 per cent from £270 in 2007/2008.

Fees for junior football clubs, cricket teams and outdoor bowls passes may also go up.

The price hike has been slammed by the Liberal Democrats, who say the extra cost will lead to a downturn in the number of residents playing sports in Medway.

Increase

Councillor Diana Smith said: "While I understand the awful budget constraints, to once again increase the pitch fees will mean the rise will have to be passed on to the players."

"It is very concerning to see the fees for junior football have been raised by a third when the children don't even have somewhere to get changed and the fees for bowls have been increased when the elderly are already struggling to pay their bills."

"How can the council expect to meet the

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

aims of Medway 2012, which includes having a programme of activity designed to improve the health and fitness of residents of all ages, when they have put up the fees?"

Deputy council leader and finance councillor Alan Jarrett defended the increase in fees, saying: "The proposed changes to the fees reflect the higher utility charges we are having to pay because of the recent inflation busting increases announced by energy companies."

"We always compare our rates to other Kent councils to ensure we offer value for money, and provide the best service for the best available price."

All football fees are based on 18 matches.

Junior and over 60s teams playing on grounds with a pavilion may have to pay £175 next season, up 17 per cent, while those without pavilions face a £100 bill.

An outdoor bowls season ticket could cost £90 for adults and £45 for juniors and over 60s, up 29 per cent from 2007/2008's figures, £70 and £35 respectively.

Pitch hire for cricket teams could also go up from £60 to £100.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PCs' mammoth trek to Mongolia for charity

TWO police officers are gearing up for a 15,000 mile charity drive from London to Mongolia.

PCs Luke Anderson and Neil Cronin will set off on the 40-day trek in July to raise money for Sittingbourne-based Demelza House Children's Hospice and Save the Children.

The charity drive will see Luke, 27, and Neil, 25, both from Medway, pass through Scandinavia, Russia and Kazakhstan before reaching Mongolia.

On arrival in the capital city of Ulaan-Bataar, the crime-fighting pair will donate their four-wheel drive vehicle to the emergency services, which cannot afford such life-saving equipment.

Luke and Neil met through Kent police's car share scheme and came up with the idea after talking about the TV series Long Way Round, in which actors Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman rode motorbikes on a similar route.

They are seeking sponsors and particularly want to hear from anyone can donate a 4x4 vehicle for them to drive.

To sponsor them and more information visit www.thefuzzcharityrally.co.uk.

Seminar part of move to tackle alcohol abuse

PUBLICANS, police and licensing officers will discuss ways to tackle alcohol-related crime at a seminar next month.

The Taking Action Together event at the Corn Exchange in Rochester next Tuesday will highlight the important role licensees play in stamping out booze-fuelled anti-social behavior across Medway.

Chief inspector Des Keers, who is co-ordinating the event, said: "The seminar, which is the first of its kind nationally, will help us champion new ideas and forge best practice in our bid to build safer communities, while still ensuring Medway is a great place to socialise."

Asbestos cancer the focus of charity day

A NATIONAL charity is today raising awareness about mesothelioma – a cancer caused by breathing in asbestos fibres.

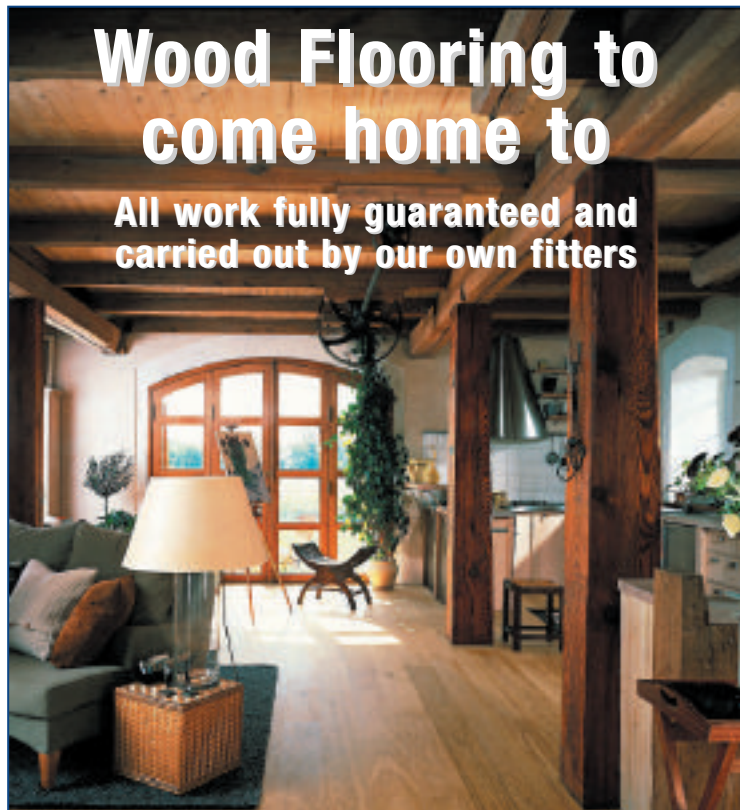
The illness is such a problem in Medway that Macmillan Cancer Relief provides funding for a specialist nurse to support patients and their carers.

The British Lung Foundation's Action Mesothelioma Day aims to raise the profile of the killer condition, a cancer of the lining of the lung, which can also be found, more rarely, in the stomach.

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Author retells tale of the boat prisons

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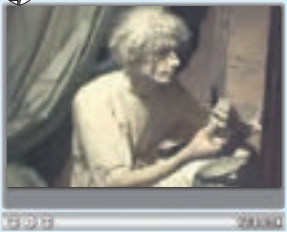
Giving the benefit of his expert advice is the curator of Rochester's museum Peter Boreham.

And the museum itself provides an opportunity for visitors to have a taste of what life was like for the wretched prisoners of war housed on the rotting former naval vessels.

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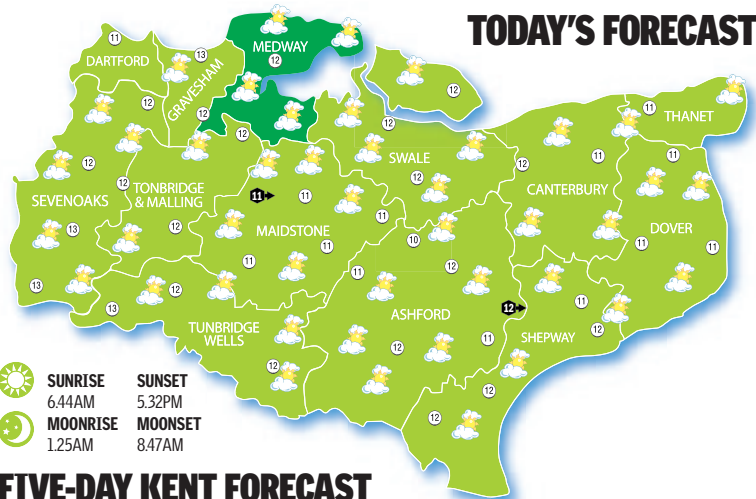
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	Sunday	4:04pm	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:27pm	6.3m
	Sunday	4:21pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:42pm	4.2m
	Sunday	4:34pm	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:49pm	4.9m
	Sunday	5:32pm	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:52pm	4.6m
	Sunday	5:37pm	4.4m

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Athens	15°C	New York	1°C
Barcelona	14°C	Paris	11°C
Beijing	3°C	Rome	14°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	6°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	18°C	Warsaw	8°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	23°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	12°C	11°C	12°C	14°C	14°C	Gravesend	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	13°C
Canterbury	11°C	10°C	10°C	13°C	12°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	13°C
Chatham	11°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	13°C	Ramsgate	11°C	10°C	10°C	13°C	12°C
Dartford	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	13°C	Rochester	11°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	13°C
Dover	10°C	9°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Sevenoaks	11°C	9°C	10°C	12°C	12°C
Faversham	11°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	13°C	Sittingbourne	11°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	13°C
Folkestone	10°C	9°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Tonbridge	12°C	12°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
Gillingham	11°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	13°C	Tun Wells	12°C	12°C	11°C	13°C	12°C

Beauty and safety

INFRA-red CCTV cameras are being installed at two Medway beauty spots to increase safety and security.

The high-tech equipment will be wired up at Capstone Farm Country Park in Chatham, and Riverside Country Park in Gillingham, and be operational by the end of the month.

Staff at Medway council's operations centre in Strood will monitor the £64,600 security systems and alert the police if they see anything untoward.

Community safety chief councillor Rehman Chishti said: "These security measures will make a huge improvement for the safety of users of the parks."

"CCTV has a proven track record here in Medway in both deterring crime as well as making people feel safe."

Steel gates will also be installed at the entrances to both parks to prevent people from forcing their way onto the site after hours.

Homes meetings

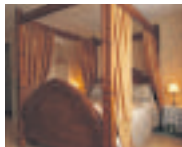
HOUSING events will be held across Medway next week giving an insight into the council's development plans for the coming years.

Medway council's housing strategy service staff will be on hand to outline their strategies on providing the right number and mix of homes across the area between now and 2011.

The events will be held all day at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre on Tuesday, March 4, and Thursday, March 6, and from 11.30am to 6.30pm at Chatham Docks on Wednesday March 5, and Friday, March 7.



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QUESTION & ANSWER

NICK KINSELLA



Q Is sexual exploitation the main reason people are trafficked?

A It is the main reason. Official UN figures say about 80 per cent of people who are trafficked are women and children – but there are several other reasons.

There are many reasons people traffic children for example. Sometimes it's sexual exploitation, others it's benefit fraud where they are passed from family to family so they can claim. They are also trafficked to be used for street crime or domestic servitude.

Q Why don't more victims escape?

A The traffickers exert control over their victims. Fear, and fear of beatings, is just as effective as cells and bars.

The traffickers instil distrust in the authorities, telling victims that if the police come they will arrest them because they're in the country illegally. Some traffickers, and this is something we have come across, when they kidnap someone for prostitution get the first person to rape them to dress up as a police officer.

Q How do you get round this?

A When we go on a raid like Operation Pentameter we take a load of ipods with phrases in the ten most common languages we've come across loaded on to them.

The officers show them laminated cards of different countries' flags and they can point to

say, number seven – Lithuania. Then the officer can scroll down to number seven on the ipod and the victim can hear all about what we are doing there and what we can do for them in their own language. This explains who we are and what we can do to help, offering the services of a doctor, or the chance to talk to a female police officer if they need to.

Q Describe how a typical trafficking network operates.

A There is no typical network and that's what can make it difficult. Some trafficking is carried out by highly organised international criminal gangs who run the process from beginning to end, from the initial contact to the exploitation itself.

We have also come across much smaller, more informal gangs who are only involved in part of the chain. So a gang in Bulgaria might pass victims on to another group. The bottom line with trafficking is that it's all about money. Traffickers trade people for money just like drugs, counterfeit money or guns. It is making money out of a modern day slave trade.

Q How are you combating the trade?

A Human trafficking is not a problem the police can solve on their own. The UKHTC includes dozens and dozens of organisations including the police, the serious crime investigation team, social services and the Crown Prosecution Service.

It is not an immigration issue; 25 per cent of victims are EU nationals, they are entitled to be here, they are just being exploited. This is often what makes it so difficult to spot at border controls. Most of the victims who come in do so legally. When they are stopped they are relaxed and happy because they think they are here to start a better life where they can support themselves and their families.

You cannot underestimate or overstress the trauma that these girls go through. In the case of sexual exploitation, they are forced to sell themselves for sex, maybe 20 times a day, 365 days a year. A trafficker doesn't care if it's Christmas day – if someone wants a girl for sex he'll get them a girl.

Q What is your background?

A I am a police officer with 28 years' service, the last six of those I've specialised in this sort of work. I set up the first teams to combat trafficking and it was one of them that brought the first prosecutions.

I was director of intelligence for Yorkshire police, then moved to head up the national Intelligence Service based in London. I left that post to become head of centre.

Operation Pentameter II saw addresses in Sittingbourne, Herne Bay, Whitstable and Ramsgate raided. The original Operation Pentameter in 2006 also saw properties in Medway targeted.



Following the success of Operation Pentameter II which saw dozens of people traffickers arrested in raids across Kent, **Gareth Arnold** talks to the head of the UK Human Trafficking Centre

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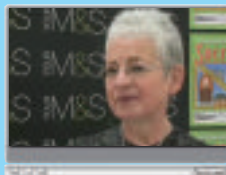




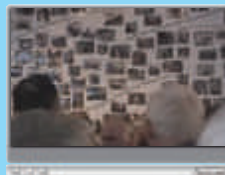
The Earl of Wessex meets schoolchildren to find out what they think of the Thames Gateway Regeneration.



Hundreds lined Chatham High Street to see the celebrations to welcome in the Chinese New Year of the Rat.



Yourkenttv presenter Julie Maddocks chats to Jacqueline Wilson, the author behind the famous Tracy Beaker stories.



Other People's Photographs is an exhibition at George's House Gallery, Folkestone, comprising 1,800 pictures by townsfolk.



New series Kent Characters begins with a look at places you may not have considered living - including a church.

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Switch off and save the world

■ BY NICK AMES

KENT's biggest radio station Invicta FM will take part in an international energy-saving day next month and is asking people to join them for Lights Out Kent.

Earth Hour will see celebrities, politicians and thousands of people across the globe turning off their lights for an hour.

The team at the radio station will join in on Saturday, March 29, from 8pm.

The project started in Sydney last year when an estimated 2.2 million people flicked the switch, leaving the famous Opera House bathed in moonlight and the Harbour Bridge blacked out.

This year a total of 24 cities including San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Copenhagen and Dublin have embraced the idea.

"Climate change is a truly global

issue and people around the world are demanding action," Earth Hour executive director Andy Ridley said.

"We're delighted there has been so much interest from major cities around the world.

"Last year we were incredibly excited that more than two million people in Sydney took part in Earth Hour.

"If we see the same participation levels around the globe that we did in Sydney, then we can anticipate more than 30 million people getting involved."

Awareness

This year Invicta FM hopes the whole of Kent will unite with them and fall into shadow to raise awareness about global warming.

Australian actress Cate Blanchett, star of Lord of the Rings, described the event as "inspirational".

She said: "It's an hour of active, thoughtful darkness, a celebration of our awakening to climate change action."

Speaking after last year's event she said: "By our example tonight, hopefully we can inspire our industry, our

governments and the international community with a very simple message; waste less.

"Waste less energy, waste less of the earth's fuel and waste less of the earth's precious resources. If we act now, in 100 years time people will look back at the concept of wasting electricity as ridiculous as corsets and floggings."

Invicta FM has decided March will be Green Month in a bid to encourage individuals, families and businesses across Kent to make real and long-lasting changes to the way they live their lives.

Everyone at the station, from presenters to bosses, will be looking at proactive ways to help make their lives greener and inform listeners about green issues.

They'll also be working with schools, community groups and business leaders, and looking at areas such as energy, transport, ethical living, conservation and recycling.

To sign up to Lights Out Kent and find out how you can get involved in Green Month visit invictafm.com/greenmonth.



INSPIRED: Australian actress Cate Blanchett is encouraging the people of Kent to get involved in this year's Earth Hour at 8pm on Sunday, March 29 this year



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Superbugs that are too smart for science

BY JENNA PUDELEK

A NURSE has this week given an insight into the fascinating world of infection control – and the risk of a worldwide bird flu pandemic.

Debbie Weston is a specialist in infection prevention and control for East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust.

She spoke to KOSMedia this week as part of the award-winning publisher's campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Miss Weston, who lives in Westgate, has just had her first book published – called Infection Control: Theory and Practice for Healthcare Professionals.

She said the book was aimed at anyone with an interest in the subject – from physiotherapists, social workers, healthcare assistants and nursing students to members of the public.

The fight against the new superbugs can be seen as a battle that nature is winning – the organisms are mutating and evolving into more virulent strains faster than scientists can develop new antibiotics to cure them.

She said: "It is about keeping the environment clear, decontaminating hands and wearing the appropriate clothing."

"If the basics are in place then you can go a long way to breaking the train of transmission."

Basic hand hygiene is where KOSMedia readers, viewers and listeners can help – simply washing your hands with alcohol gel or liquid soap and water helps healthcare professionals in their battle against killer healthcare-associated infections.

Miss Weston's interest and fascination with these organisms is contagious.

"How they change is fascinating. Look at H5N1 or avian flu – it was pathogenic or harmful to birds and it has mutated to cause disease in humans. At the moment it cannot spread from human to human but there is the potential there for a pandemic."

"For there to be a pandemic you have got to have a new virus. It has got to demonstrate the ability to jump the species barrier and become transmissible."

"That is why it is being monitored so closely because it has already been killing people who have been in contact with poultry," she said.

Bird flu is like MRSA and Clostridium difficile (C diff), she said, it is vital to understand the organism so people are better equipped to understand the importance of stopping it.



Examples of past outbreaks, such as Sars (Severe acute respiratory syndrome) which killed around 800 people after its emergence from China in 2002, Legionnaires disease in the 1980s and Salmonella, are used in the book as examples of what can go wrong, she said.

"There are basic precautions based on the idea that you do not know who has got what. Something called universal precautions has been in place since the 80s and HIV."

"It centres on hand washing, gloves and aprons but it has gone on from there... It is about keeping the environment clean and decontaminating equipment – if people are doing these all of the time then they will reduce the risk of infection



EXPERT WARNING: Debbie Weston on new breed of bug

spreading from people to people," she said.

With organisms mutating and evolving and diseases thought to have been defeated re-emerging infection control teams certainly have their work cut out.

Last week the Health Protection Agency revealed that a Kent healthcare worker had contracted tuberculosis.

"TB is fascinating, it is a potentially curable disease, and is treatable with antibiotics. There is not a resurgence in the general population but in certain high risk groups."

"It is predominantly people born overseas where there is a high rate within the population," Miss Weston said.

Another potential threat is the emergence of the Community MRSA that is currently causing problems in America.

She said: "There is a recognised need for new antibiotics and controlling the ones we are currently giving."

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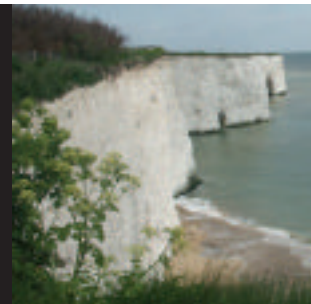
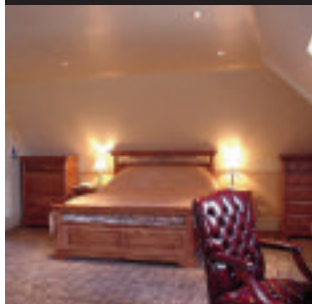
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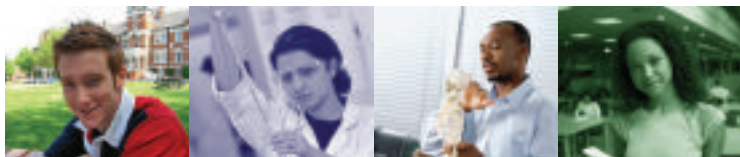
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I saw the viewing figures for both broadband services recently in one of your sister publications – pretty impressive and the way forward for truly representative networks which reflect the changes in local life, issues of importance to residents of towns and villages never before featured on any TV show and community projects as they develop.

And it's all in such contrast to the giant egos and massive pay packets for people at the publicly funded BBC and the major commercial channels.

Is Jonathan Ross really worth his wages? I

don't think so – and I'm sure the people who lost their jobs to justify his salary agree with me.

So full marks to a former Meridian favourite – who started her TV news presenting career on local TV 10 years ago – and Strictly Come Dancing winner.

Natasha Kaplinsky has admitted that she cannot justify her £1million salary. Which Channel Five used to lure her from the BBC.

She has said it was "an astonishing amount of money" and it had "done something completely ridiculous to my wages".

She didn't even try and justify herself – here's what she said: "Five seem to think I am but, no, how can anybody justify that?"

"A dustman is worth £1million for cleaning up the rubbish, as far as I'm concerned, and a doctor is worth £20million for saving someone's life. It's just impossible to answer that question."

"It's an astonishing amount of money. I was shocked by it. But the offer sat on the table for a long time before I took the job."

"Yes taking the job has done something completely ridiculous to my wages, but that has

never been my motivation."

Kaplinsky has apparently been asked to present the news in jeans to give the bulletin – renamed Five News With Natasha Kaplinsky – a lighter touch.

And there is obviously no promotion of herself involved in the title either

But the former BBC Breakfast and Six O'Clock News presenter said she was unsure about losing her suits and adopting a "dress down" policy.

She said: "I'm a reasonably serious journalist and there's something about wearing a suit that puts you in the right frame of mind."

Well full marks for modesty and realising the lunacy of your salary Natasha.

Stick to your guns over the dress code and maybe some of your salary could help fellow broadcasters. How about buying yourkentv some proper lights for starters?

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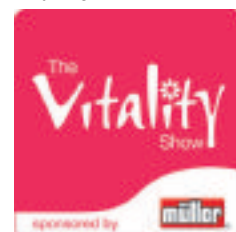
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TALK TIME

LAURA CAMPION

The photographer talks about her work, the Medway Towns and how the two fuse together.



Tell me a bit about you and your work.

I'm a photographer and a graphic designer. I combine the two to create original images or interesting graphics, depending on the client.

I work within a wide spectrum from weddings and portraits, to fashion and commercial work on the photography front. Graphics work is usually advertising based for a variety of companies.

My clients include The National Lottery Magazine, Borowski PR, Medway Council, The George Vaults, Eldbrick, Salsawild and Bellywiggles.

How much does Medway affect your work?

Medway affected my work in a large way last week as I shot Eldbrick's latest collection in the centre of Chatham, using the landscape to create wonderful backgrounds. Otherwise it is a great place to be situated, the New Art Centre is a hub of activity and I love being part of that!

How encouraging is Made in Medway and what do you hope it will achieve?

It's very encouraging, a wonderful collection of artists showing off their work to the wider audience. It's great to be able to show people what talent we have right here in Medway! I hope it will be a huge success for both artists and the creators.

What has been the highlight in your career?

So far it has to be winning Medway Start-up of the Year award last November. It was a complete surprise and a real boost to my confidence as a young company, Lollypop.

Tell us something not many people know about you.

I'm a big music fan, I love bands, gigs and festivals. I've just been asked to shoot for www.eggs.co.uk as an official photographer and reviewer.

YOUR LETTERS

Big tax rise but our cops promise more



Tax rise to pay for police is extortion

Here we go again! In exchange for a promise of better policing we will have to fork out an ever higher police tax.

Your article in last week's paper had the rise dressed up as an investment in task teams.

We've heard it all before. Last year, it was the same old spiel from Chief Constable Mike Fuller and Ann Barnes, chair person of Kent Police Authority, when they demanded an increase in police tax of just under five per cent. They called it 'value for money'.

What did we get? According to Home Office Statistics, Kent police detected a combined average of 27 per cent of all crimes in 2006-7. That left a whopping 70 per cent of crimes unsolved. A reward for this failure is now to be a rise in the police tax of 4.99 per cent.

The Mafia never like the word extortion.

Stanford John,
by letter.

Chishti still can't make up his mind

I see that Cllr Rehman Chishti is still struggling to decide on his political allegiances as he observes the primaries of the US



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Presidential elections, having defected from Labour to the Tories last year.

Mr Chishti appeared in the

February 13 issue of Yourmedway with the Democrat's candidate Barack Obama's camp, saying he was "hoping to develop links



which would help the people of Medway". Two days later he appeared in another paper with a supporter of John McCain - a Republican candidate - and was photographed holding up a McCain banner.

Mr Chishti had been "speaking to the packed Republican caucus".

Maybe the Americans can make sense of his fickle politics? I doubt the people of Gillingham will bother.

Cllr Teresa Murray,
Labour member for Rochester East ward,
by email.



Do we really want power black outs?

Your mystery blogger from last week has apparently never had responsibility for electricity supplies. I did, in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of distribution systems, and as engineering manager of the triangle, Rainham - Dartford Tunnel - Swanley.

My opposition to wind power is simple. The Met Office wind records, plus the physics of wind-power described by pro-wind British Wind Energy Association, show that a nationwide network of turbines will never produce 100

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per cent of their installed capacity. Anticyclones this winter, a fortnight in December and ten days this month, gave winds that generated 1/20th to 1/250th of full load.

Soon we will retire 2,000MW of fossil fuelled plants. How shall we replace it? South Africa made a late decision and now expects five years of blackouts, unpleasant and damaging to their economy.

If we aim for 2,000MW of wind-power it may produce 20MW or less at peak load time, with blackouts. Gas will produce 2,000MW with CO₂, summer or winter, whenever renewables fall short. It is imported at escalating prices that already constitute near 80p in the £1 of the cost of gas-fired electricity. 2,000MW nuclear avoids those problems.

A pound on nuclear electricity includes 1.5p for uranium, imported from safe regions like Canada.

Existing reactors extract five per cent of uranium's energy, making permanent deep burial of this valuable 'waste' unattractive.

Sir David King, the Government's chief scientist, in retiring last December said, "We have six tonnes of plutonium and 60 tonnes of uranium stockpiled from the 50s. Using fast breeder reactors, we would be near self-sufficient in nuclear fuel until 2100."

Fast breeders extract 95 per cent of uranium's energy.

So nuclear power is being built or planned by Algeria, America, Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Japan, Malaya, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, and Saudi Arabia (more profitable to sell oil than burn it), South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, and

Yemen. All actual or potential business competitors.

Domestic space and water heating uses about 40 per cent of our total gas consumption, 16 per cent of our total energy. As well as electricity, all that could also be supplied via nuclear power, using storage heating.

Ask wind-power supporters to explain the cube law, to calculate the output of a 100MW wind-farm at one third design speed.

Ask them when the UK peak electricity demand occurs. If they can't answer, they don't know what they are talking about.

Bill Hyde,
by email

Tap into a money saving incentive

Recycling plastic is difficult to achieve everywhere in Kent.

But one major contribution to this problem can be eliminated, avoiding the creation of more landfill sites or incinerators: cutting out the purchase of bottled water.

The UK consumes three billion litres of bottled water a year, sold mainly in plastic bottles – 13 billion of them – and only three billion are recycled.

Moving bottled water from its source to the locations from which it is distributed for sale releases at least 30,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year, and since this water is 500 times more expensive than tap water, there's good reason to move spending elsewhere in the household budget.

Although a lot of our bottled water comes from France, we are also importing from Turkey (1,500 miles); Quebec (3,000) and Fiji (10,000).

Since rising oil prices will force higher prices for bottled water, pushing up the cost of manufacturing and distributing bottled water, consumers have good reason to cut out bottled water and ask for tap water in restaurants too.

We have an incentive to avoid the need for new landfill sites which will add to tax bills.

Steve Dawe,
Kent Green Party, by email.

Make sure you keep your eye on the ball

This week marks the beginning of the Keep Your Eye On The Ball focus fortnight (until Sunday, March 8), which aims to get footy fans thinking about testicular cancer and the importance of checking for any unusual lumps.

The fortnight is run by Everyman, the UK's leading male cancer campaign, with the support of The FA and The PFA.

Its theme this year is catch it early, a vital message to all men. If blokes check themselves regularly and catch testicular cancer early, there is a 99 per cent chance of survival.

So, lads, don't be scared – do something. Watch out for our adverts in stadiums across the country and don't forget to Keep Your Eye On The Ball.

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David James,
Portsmouth and England goalkeeper, by email.



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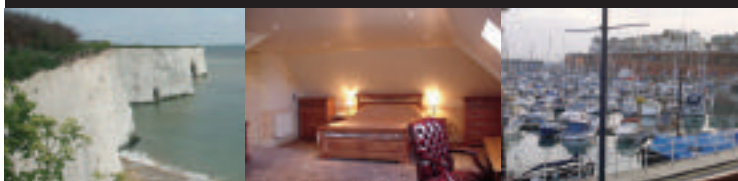


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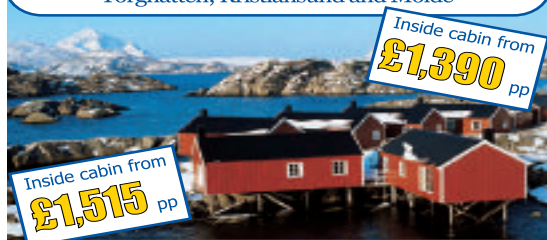
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Kiki Dee's new found freedom

Soul singer moves into a new genre of music in latest show

IN her new live show, singer Kiki Dee shows off the versatile quality of her superb voice with a range of fantastic songs.

Accompanied by virtuoso guitarist Carmelo Luggeri, Dee performs a selection of both classic tracks and new material. It is a distinct change from her soul background, but one which has given the Bradford-born singer a new sense of freedom.

"It's partly about my tastes maturing, because a lot of music now sounds very generic," she explained during rehearsals.

"But it's also come about because I've never had a strong musical identity. There are lots of artists about whom, as soon as they're mentioned, you have an exact idea of what you're going to get. But not with me, as I've done so many different styles."

Born as Pauline Mathews in 1947, she discovered her love for singing at a very young age. At 16 she was working in Boots and singing in a local dance band, when a record company worker happened to be in the audience one night. This led to her winning a record deal and her name being changed to the more exotic-sounding Kiki Dee.

Although Dee recorded a number of albums and became the first European signing to Motown Records, the next ten years were a difficult time. She failed to achieve commercial success, though she became a respected cabaret singer and spent time singing backing vocals for Dusty Springfield.

"I found it quite difficult because visiting London was so exciting in the 60s, but then I would go back to Bradford and feel quite flat because there was nothing to do at that time," she recalled.

"All the other girls from the north, like Cilla Black, were doing really well but it wasn't my time. In hindsight I think it's a good thing that I didn't do too well so early on. But I always had an inner belief that I would make it."

Dee's fortunes changed when Elton John's manager contacted her out of the blue in 1972, inviting her to sign to John's new independent label, Rocket Records. Her first album was produced by John himself and he also encouraged her to start writing songs.

"It was great because I'd been in the music industry for 10 years and I was

finally working with people my own age," she said. "It was exciting to get a hit record and go on Top of the Pops."

Dee will always be associated with Don't Go Breaking My Heart, the duet with John which was a massive number one hit all over the UK and America. She has also become



SOUND CHANGE: Kiki Dee has teamed up with virtuoso guitar player Carmelo Luggeri

an accomplished theatre star, earning an Olivier Award nomination for her role in Blood Brothers, but she is in no hurry to return to acting.

She said: "Carmelo and I are not trying to change the world, but I like this artistic freedom."

The show starts at 8pm and tickets

cost £15/£13. Call the box office on 01892 678678 or book online at www.trinitytheatre.net.

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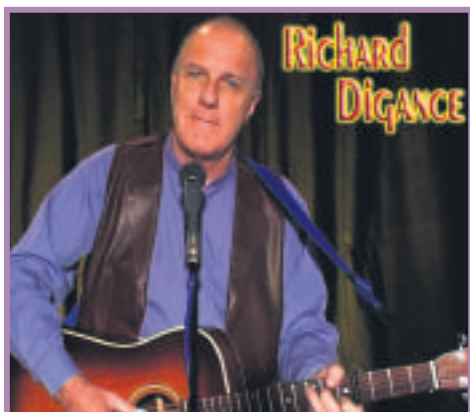


LEGENDARY folk comedian Richard Digance will be bringing his enduring brand of wit and music to Medway this week.

The BAFTA-nominated funnyman was a regular on television during the 1980s, with his great songwriting skills and hilarious stories. In 2003 he received the Gold Award from the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, an honour which was also presented to Sir Cliff Richard and Midge Ure.

First emerging in the 1970s, Digance supported a variety of world class music and comedy acts. These included the likes of Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys and many more.

His popular TV specials ran for 11 years and featured him playing guitar with, among



others, Brian May and Status Quo. He has recorded more than 20 albums, as well as writing eight books and two film scripts.

Digance received his BAFTA nomination for TV Entertainer of the Year in the late 1980s and still fills

theatres with his fantastic blend of musical and comedic talent.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£14. Call the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

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Also on the bill is White Sunday, a Reading-based band on its first high profile national tour. Playing pure rock 'n' roll while referencing 1960s rhythm 'n' blues, their great sound earned them a support slot for Kasabian as their very first gig. Their first album, *Why Do I Still Do This Everyday?*, was produced by Dave Allen, who worked with The Cure, and dance mixer Mark Ralph of Massive Attack and The Others.

Seven Story Down and The Cheats will also be performing in the tavern in Canterbury Street. Doors open at 8pm and tickets cost £5 on the door or £3.50 if bought in advance from www.wegottickets.com.

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Described as "a true rock 'n' roll band", the five-piece will launch their new EP at the gig. Maker made an

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Set during the Second World War the story follows the fortunes of Nellie Forbush, an American Navy nurse who is posted to a Pacific island. There she falls in love with a middle-aged French plantation owner, while Lieutenant Joe Cable falls for the daughter of an Asian peddler. But will the two romances overcome long-held racial prejudices?

Featuring timeless songs such as *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Younger Than Springtime* and *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair*, South Pacific has a score as breathtaking as its tropical setting.

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The Surrey-born singer, who grew up in Australia, has been recognised as a world class vocalist and amazed audiences with her take on classic and less well-known songs. In 2006 she won the Best in Jazz category at the BBC Jazz Awards.

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Stand-up has to be Sinha to be believed

THIS month's Medway Comedy Club will be headlined by arguably the world's greatest gay, Asian GP-turned-stand-up.

Paul Sinha won critical acclaim at the 2006 Edinburgh Fringe Festival and was nominated for the if.comedy Award. He will headline the event at Chatham's Brook Theatre supported by up-and-coming comedians on the UK circuit.

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Exhibit has its eye on riverside regeneration

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This was inspired by the fact the third biggest allergy in the UK is to gluten, yet it is not well catered for in this industry.

The Coeliac Society's world website highly recommends Antonias and recognises it as having an extensive gluten free menu.

As well as catering for those with gluten allergies, Antonias is also a nut-free premises.

All food is nut free in the restaurant and kitchen with all desserts hand-made there – they even make their own pesto.

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The Piranha Spa opened in November and looks fantastic with great facilities, changing rooms and swimming pool.

The Piranha Lounge has a wonderful ambience; Moroccan lighting with contemporary modern elegance, very impressive. And like the name, there were Piranhas in a huge fish tank at the centre of the bar which looks onto a pool lit by up-lighters.

My partner and I went along with three friends and were seated in a cream leather booth which I am told are completely booked up at the weekend. There were more intimate dining tables for couples.

The food was wonderful, as high quality as

any London restaurant – beautifully presented and cooked to perfection with “little” surprises between each course, which was a delight. The staff could not have been more helpful and pleasant, nothing was too much trouble, and they were attentive whilst not being overbearing.

After our meal we had drinks at the bar whilst we waited for the entertainment, which came on at about 9pm. The belly dancer and singer which went down very well, and after that we couldn't resist a little dance ourselves. There is also a funky bar area with mood lighting where we chilled out with some cocktails by the pool.

The Piranha Lounge is defiantly unique and we would be hard-pressed to find a place like it, even up in London. This bar and spa combination is very fresh and funky – and exactly what Sheppey needed! I will definitely come again (and plan to start working out there when I visit my partner)!

Review by Joanna Hartman

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a sarnie

■ Cafe Narino

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Ambience, staff and service, choice, value for money and location, without all of

these, in this order, there would be no business – that is the philosophy behind this extremely popular Medway eaterie. Pay it a visit, you won't regret it.



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Begin with mixed hors d'oeuvres of seaweed, sesame prawn toast, satay chicken skewers, chicken in breadcrumbs and salt and pepper spare ribs. Then move onto crispy shredded beef, Malaysian fried ho fun, Singapore fried rice. For dessert nothing beats a banana fritter.

Village Hotel

Current favourites include seabass with crushed new potatoes and pea puree. A light dish with good simple flavours.

Spice Court

Start your meal with the court special combination of chicken tikka, sheek kabab and tandoori chicken. Follow this up with jalfrazi and prawns or king prawns with fresh chilli and hot sauce, and mushroom rice. Of course no meal is complete without a binda bhajee, (okra cooked with mild spice).

Piranha

The soft shell crab is a must starter, with mango and papaya salad and golden Malaysian curry sauce. Then the baked seabass on a bed of Chinese vegetables dressed with a Thai sauce is recommended as a main course.

Cafe Narino

A delicious lunch is ciabatta panini filled with tuna and sweetcorn, or warm yourself with a tomato and herb soup.

Acqua

Fine pork fillet, with fresh basil and aged pecorino cheese is a wonderful winter dish, accompanied by root vegetable mash and a rich dark sauce. Accompany this with potatoes of your choice, but sautéed is recommended.

Antonias

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BE KIND REWIND (12A)



Jetty attempts to sabotage a power plant that he believes is melting his brain. But a magnetic field that he creates accidentally erases all of the videotapes in a local video store where his best friend Mike works. Fearing the mishap will cost Mike his job, the friends team up to keep the store's only loyal customer – a little old lady – from realising what's happened by recreating and re-filming every movie she rents.

AWAKE



A psychological thriller about the phenomenon of 'anaesthetic awareness'. When a patient's failed anaesthetic leaves them fully conscious but physically paralysed during surgery, the patient's new wife is forced to struggle with her own demons as the drama unfolds.

The one-man army returns

BY ANDY WELCH

"MY T-SHIRT'S too tight, I'm trying to stretch it," says Sylvester Stallone as he enters the room pulling at the sleeves of his under-strain top. It's little wonder it's a snug fit, considering his biceps are the size of most people's thighs.

As he takes to his chair, it's easy to forget 'Sly' is 61 years old and it's even easier once you've seen him skipping over logs, running through steamy jungle and despatching enemy soldiers with ease in his latest film Rambo.

The fourth instalment in the series, this new film comes 20 years after Rambo III – a film Stallone's less than proud of. So why resurrect the character?

He says: "I thought that it might be an interesting revisit today, because an entire generation has not seen Rambo. They probably think he's someone's granddad."

The new movie finds Vietnam veteran and one-man army Rambo, living a quiet life in northern Thailand, near the Burmese border.

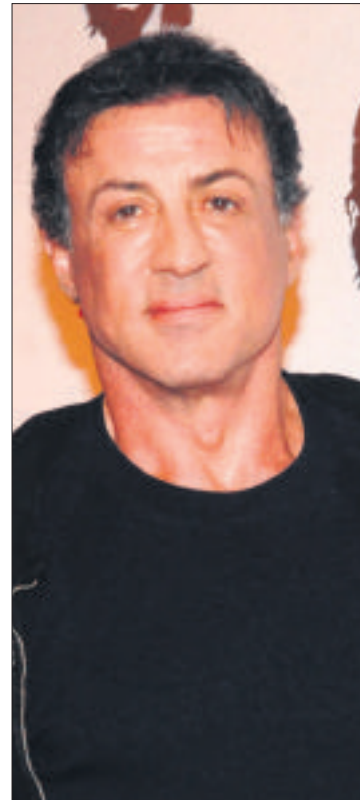
When a band of American missionaries are taken hostage up-river by a ruthless and sadistic army colonel and his soldiers, Rambo leads a group of mercenaries in a violent rescue mission into the war zone.

The film is gritty, the bloodiest of all the Rambo franchise and, set in a real-life conflict – Burma's bloody civil war has waged on since the country came under military rule in 1962 – it has an extra resonance, especially thanks to the opening segment featuring newsreel from last year's hideous events.

Depending on which reports you read, hundreds or thousands of peaceful Burmese protesters were killed – a number that includes many Buddhist monks.

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RAMBO: Sylvester Stallone revives hero after 20 years

Knowing what a political hotbed it was, Stallone – who also wrote, directed and co-produced the film – was reluctant to attempt the project without doing the necessary research. "We looked at The Free Burma Rangers a lot, hit all the websites and so on," he says, in his trademark drawl.

"There's an unbelievable amount of material available on the atrocities there, literally updated hour by hour. It's hard to believe the horrendous activity going on there and that it's publicised, but nobody does anything about it."

There is nothing light-hearted about Rambo, but if the viewing experience is a turbulent ride, it's nothing compared to what the actors and crew were going through off-screen.

"I didn't want to go to Northern Thailand to film because we were getting an abundant

amount of death threats," admits Stallone. "The Burmese police are insidious and work up and down the river near where we were."

"It was a very dangerous place, people were on saline drips all over the place," he says. "Even the bushes were dangerous. I wondered if there was anything around there that was nice. Even the butterflies were deadly. The biggest problem was the snakes, or maybe the centipedes, which were about a foot long!"

He sums up: "It was a tense situation and a very difficult film to make, but I'm glad we did it there and I'm so glad we got so many Burmese to be in the film. They were terrified, absolutely terrified of being in the film."



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Powder runs to die for

BY GARETH LLEWELLYN

"THIS isn't the place for novices," barked the American ski guide rather aptly dubbed The General.

"This is for expert skiers and if you are struggling, we will have to pull you off the mountain because this is a day to rip it up," added the square-jawed, six-foot-plus slab of raw testosterone.

I was already weak-kneed before the rather stern induction speech inside a hut at 11,640 feet on top of Keystone's Dercum Mountain in Colorado.

I'd also been fitted with a 'transceiver' for the first time. This box-like device is strapped to your body and emits a signal so rescuers can find you, dead or alive, under a mass of snow, rocks, trees and anything else an avalanche cares to bring down the mountainside with it.

If I was going to back out, now was the time to do it. But having travelled thousands of miles for the privilege of a day of cat-skiing, cowardice was simply not an option.

Cat-skiing is named after the tank-like snowcat vehicles used to ferry skiers up and down the mountains to reach the parts the lifts cannot reach.

Over the last three years, the activity has really taken off in Keystone, a delightful resort positioned metaphorically and geographically in the shadows of its bigger and more prominent neighbours, Vail and Breckenridge.

The resort is in the unusual position of hav-



SNOW GOOD: Keystone's Dercum Mountain in Colorado is becoming popular for British skiers

ing several bowls, comprising more than 1,100 acres of steep and deep snowy terrain, not serviced by lifts.

This vast mountain wilderness was once only privy to skiers with legs of steel and the patience to undertake a lengthy hike. But now, thanks to a dedicated bunch of ski patrol staff and two trusty snowcats, powder runs to die for are yours for the ridiculously low price of \$8 a day.

At the current exchange rate, that roughly works out around £4 a run, as the excellent guides from Keystone Adventure Tours aim to get in as many as ten different runs per session.

Of course, it would be difficult to place an exact value on the pure pleasure of skiing on waist-deep virgin snow without a single person in your line of vision, but I would confidently estimate it to be much higher than £4 a run.

If you're new to off-piste skiing, it will take a little time to adjust to the sensation of manoeuvring through deep snow.

Once you've got it, you'll have forgotten about the harsh introduction speech at the beginning of the day and you'll be executing perfect turns and whizzing through the trees in this most picturesque of playgrounds.

The views from this high-altitude and isolated mountain tops are little short of breathtaking. Allied to just about the finest ski conditions I have ever had, the cat-skiing alone is worth the transatlantic jet-lag.

A fitting end to a magnificent day of skiing can be found at the Alpenglou Stube. At 11,444 feet at the top of Keystone's North Peak, the award-winning gourmet restaurant offers views of the Continental Divide and a roaring open fire place to blast the chill from your fingertips.

With the snow records of many European resorts faltering in recent winters and the favourable exchange rates in the US, the likes of Breckenridge, Vail and Keystone look set to become even more popular with the lucrative British ski market.

FACT FILE: COLORADO

Time difference	UK minus 7 hours
Currency	US Dollar 1.94 to £1
Capital	Denver
Population	4.8 million
Language	English
Religion	Mainly Protestant
Climate	Continental

Holiday details

Gareth Llewellyn was a guest of Crystal Ski, which offers seven-night B&B stays from £697 (four sharing) in the Breckenridge Mountain Lodge, departing January 2008 including direct flights Gatwick-Denver, plus transfers or free rental car. Connecting flights avail at supp of £85 return from major regional airports.

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Crystal Ski reservations: 0870 160 6040 and www.crystalski.co.uk



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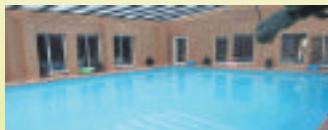
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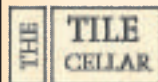
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Skiers should look out for the British Standard mark BS EN 1836:2005, make sure glasses fit properly and wear goggles where possible.

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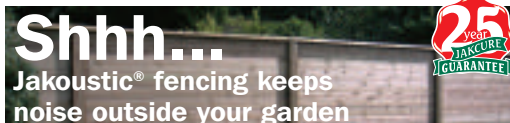
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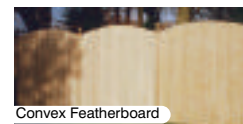
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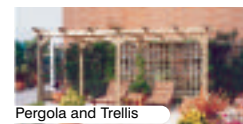
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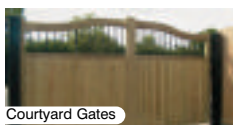
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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

INCREASED responsibilities are wearing on your nerves. If you look for ways to assert yourself professionally and find a compromise that eases the burdens of domestic duty while opening the doors of fresh opportunities you will put yourself in poll position.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU won't have half as much money as you need this week so you've got to economise. Admitting your financial shortcomings is much better than going into debt. Lean on a partner for consolation. They have wonderful advice on recouping your losses.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BEWARE of using your friends to climb the ladder of success. If you're going to get a job or promotion, you need to rely on your own talents or you'll miss out the recognition and respect you deserve. This isn't a good week to challenge authority figures, either.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

LEGAL difficulties and contractual complications could be a problem now. Try to settle disputes unofficially and as amicably as possible. Your natural resilience and resourcefulness is your greatest asset especially if you're looking to move home or change jobs.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

SPENDING too much time at home could undermine career prospects. Stop torturing yourself with thoughts of what might have been. It's entirely possible that hidden opportunities rest in your current situation. An unexpected boost to your bank balance could come your way now.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

IT'S easy to lose confidence when you don't feel and look your best. Taking better care of yourself is essential. Pretty soon you'll be able to meet a whole host of challenges. Tasks that once took hours will fly by in minutes. It's easy to make progress when you're not doubting yourself.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU could suffer a setback. At times like these, you need to ask for the support of your friends and family. If you've made mistakes, make an apology and then work to put things right. You'll have a chance to bring the truth to light. You make a good impression at a social event.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

WORKING conditions could get difficult. Colleagues could gang up on you, hidden enemies might sabotage your work, or your office hierarchy may be changing. If you can distance yourself from this chaos, do so. If not, find a healthy outlet for your frustrations.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

GIVING in to negative thinking will drive you into a rut. You've got to venture into familiar territory, even if it means taking a personal risk. Be willing to admit your lack of know-how about a complicated subject. A friend or colleague could step up to enlighten you.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

WE all have our doubts and fears, but letting them get on top of you only stops you seeing the good things all around you. Be positive and constructive. The opportunities are there for the taking if you're confident enough to take them. Luckily you will see the big picture.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

NARROW-minded attitudes could be limiting. Someone is willing to share their knowledge with you. Passing up this opportunity is like throwing money down the drain. Never assume you know everything about a subject. Now is the time to cash in on developing trends.

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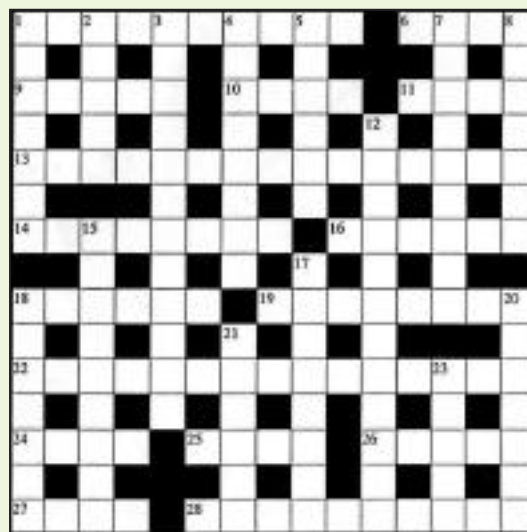
ACROSS

- 1 Building that suffers from coastal erosion (10)
- 6 Keep handing out part of measure (4)
- 9 Ray's said pay increase in America (5)
- 10 Nothing to be very fond of (4)
- 11 Bloodsucker has aftertaste back (4)
- 13 Excellent author - or composer? (9,6)
- 14 To encase fancy wallet (8)
- 16 Crude fuel, poor grade inside before ten, it's flowing out (6)
- 18 Sea-air coming from hut (6)
- 19 Moment of launching postponed after there was some wind (5,3)
- 22 Resent having to accept second said thing that does not follow the general rule (4,9,2)
- 24 Look east, there's nothing in Cornish resort (4)
- 25 Most irate having to enter prison (4)
- 26 Order Ian rewrote outside for girl (5)
- 27 One step up the ladder (4)
- 28 Most curvaceous steel hasp I replaced (10)

DOWN

- 1 Arab member of north London rugby team? (7)
- 2 Rani converted a Nigerian currency (5)
- 3 Square-peaked cap dividing Lancashire? (12)
- 4 Cleo's new ideology an absurdity (8)
- 5 Artist, about four, full of energy (6)
- 7 I put Colin about - petty formality (9)
- 8 An hour in charge of deadly disease (7)
- 12 One paid for being experienced (12)
- 15 Find, after intensive search, that line is being repaired (5,4)
- 17 Applaud some mounting flashy display (8)
- 18 Solvent colonist? (7)
- 20 Florence ready initially with first grower (7)
- 21 Stop short (6)
- 23 'Ulster honour' she cried (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Island off Africa (10)
- 6 Horse's foot (4)
- 9 Town in NW Ireland (5)
- 10 Cycle of duty (4)
- 11 Oast (anag.) (4)
- 13 Not yet decided (2,3,7,3)
- 14 Battling (8)
- 16 Pothole (6)
- 18 Herder of cattle (6)
- 19 Armorial (8)
- 22 Something generally known (6,9)
- 24 Ale (4)
- 25 Daze (4)
- 26 Roman language (5)
- 27 Behindhand (4)

DOWN

- 1 Powerful dog (7)
- 2 Believer (5)
- 3 Behave unrestrainedly (2,4,3,3)
- 4 Army officer (8)
- 5 Statue (anag.) (6)
- 7 Stretched out (9)
- 8 Iron out (7)
- 12 Unmatched (12)
- 13 Darkest (9)
- 17 Accuse publicly (8)
- 18 Unit of sound (7)
- 20 Rid of dirt (5,2)
- 21 Performer on ice (6)
- 23 Moat (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No24

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QUICK SOLUTIONS No25

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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: EUROVISION - YOU DECIDE (7pm): Six hopefuls compete to fly the British flag, with a public vote deciding the overall winner.

SUNDAY: LIFE IN COLD BLOOD (6pm): Sir David Attenborough reveals the fascinating lives of snakes, the most misunderstood group of reptiles, and is also on the receiving end of a spitting cobra's 'weapons system'.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: BIG JAKE (5.20pm): Western about the avenging search for a kidnapped grandson. Big Jake sets off to deliver the ransom to the kidnappers, but has little intention of handing it over without a fight.

SUNDAY: TROPIC OF CAPRICORN (8pm): Final stage of Simon's journey along the Tropic of Capricorn, the line that crosses South Africa, South America and Australia.

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SATURDAY: ANT AND DEC'S SATURDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY (6.45pm): The Geordie boys present a fun-filled evening on their re-invented Saturday night entertainment show.

SUNDAY: SOUTH BANK SHOW (11.15pm): June Whitfield's TV career in comedy stretches back to the 1950s. Melvyn Bragg meets her on location in Yorkshire filming a new series of Last of the Summer Wine.

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SATURDAY: GRAND DESIGNS REVISITED (8pm): Kevin McCloud revisits two artists who purchased a derelict olive farm in Puglia, Italy, in order to convert it into an home for themselves.

SUNDAY: WILLIE'S WONKY CHOCOLATE FACTORY (9pm): Venezuelan farmer Willie Harcourt-Cooze attempts to produce the best chocolate in the world.

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SATURDAY: FUNNY GIRL (2.25pm): Spectacular switch from stage to screen for Streisand, in her Broadway triumph as entertainer Fanny Brice.

SUNDAY: THE SHARKMAN (7pm): Documentary about South African diver Mike Rutzen who has become famous as a man who swims with great white sharks.

Doctor's orders: spin-off should be exterminated

BY TOM BETTS

WHEN Russell T Davis and his BBC paymasters brought back Doctor Who in 2005, the reception from most was warm.

The fresh look, different approach and fine performances from then leading man Christopher Eccleston made good Saturday night fayre.

Yet, the series slipped quickly into the mire. Before the project was given the chance to breathe and develop, by the time the second series and next – and current – Doctor, David Tennant, had arrived the premise was sold off, profiteered from and slapped on the side of a plastic lunchbox.

The series had been revitalised, a British institution given the kiss of life but The Man quickly took over, the charm stripped away and the whole thing started to stink worse than Dad's old underpants.

So, it was with the general feeling that I'd rather share a bathtub with a Portuguese Man of War than I sat down for an episode of Who spin-off, Torchwood.

Thus far it was a bullet I'd managed to dodge, but it was with breath set to less-than-baited that I steered myself for the 60 minute running time.

Unfortunately the diagnosis is not good, Doc. In fact, the rumours about the awfulness are well founded. It's terminally bad.

Firstly there's the cast, who over-act like their EastEnders bit-part futures depended on it and then there's the plot, which made about as much sense as bringing back Top of the Pops with Steve McLaren as the hip young host. It all had something to do with a series of murders in Cardiff which, inexplicably seems



FAKE: Over-acting cast members make Doctor Who spin-off, Torchwood, as entertaining as pulling teeth, while Torchwood leading man John Barrowman does nothing to redeem the programme with his false laugh, says Tom Betts

to be the first port of call for any hostile aliens with worldwide takeover plans nowadays.

But all this pales into insignificance when compared to the efforts of John Barrowman.

Fresh from pimping himself out to any chat or talent show that can contain his false laugh, he flounders about like a robotic loon as the over-earnest Captain Jack.

Dressed as if he's been given £200 to spend in the Topman vintage section, here is a character so devoid of charm, presence or any kind of likeability, he makes Ian Beale seem like a Jack Nicholson charm-offensive.

Nevertheless the odious, poor man's Tom Cruise shouted and stomped his way through the duration, with his wee gang of go-getters hanging onto his every forced word.

But it's not just Torchwood's ineptitude that rangles, more the fact that the BBC has clear-

ly spent a packet of licence payer's money on this bobbins.

Spooks shows the Beeb can do decent action dramas when they put their mind to it but to re-commission Torchwood, which, on this evidence, hasn't improved one jot since the critically-ravaged first run, is unforgivable.

The show is, I understand, halfway through it's run on BBC2 but do yourself a favour, spend an hour of your life doing something more worthwhile.

I can suggest running backwards into oncoming traffic or playing with a kite near pylons.

Torchwood: File under "deadwood".



TORCHWOOD
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Great live shows have exploded into **the ether**

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

YOURKENTTV'S new online music show *the ether* launches this week, showcasing a selection of the county's best artists.

A series of 12 live performances will take place over the next few months, with a new show released every Wednesday.

The programme features a huge selection of music from the sublime sound of solo guitarist Jon Woode to the blistering metal onslaught of *My Life in the Making*.

Ether director Paul Jerreat explained his eclectic approach to picking the musicians to appear: "I'm trying to show off a variety of acts, so expect hard rock, acoustic singer/songwriters, ska, hardcore metal and a sprinkling of psychedelic indie... oh and folk punk."

"Some of them are bands that I've seen playing live and been blown away by, but there are also some I've only just discovered in the course of planning the show."

"One thing I have discovered is that I'm not going to run out of talented acts in Kent; there are just so many to choose from."

Each episode sees the bands playing two songs live for the cameras, then answering questions in an interview conducted by *ether* presenter Charley Vines.

Despite the hours spent in the editing suite and the huge amount of organisation involved, Mr Jerreat says the project has been a hugely positive experience: "The bands themselves are all being enormously supportive and are helping out in any way they can. Also Charley helps make everything go smoothly with her extensive knowledge of the Kent music scene."

"Charley and I really enjoy watching the bands play, it's a massive privilege, but when



VARIETY: My Life in the Making are just one of the bands to be found on **the ether**

we all sit down to chat it's always great. People who play music together have such a close relationship that it's always fun to glimpse each band's unique sense of humour."

Mr Jerreat previously worked as a freelance photographer documenting live gigs around Kent for various newspapers.

He said: "I've been away from the Kent music scene for a couple of years now and I

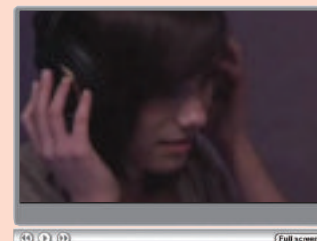
must admit that upon getting involved again I have found that some of my favourite venues and regular gigs have been shut down. Not to mention that some of my favourite bands have called it a day, including Gravesend punks 3DBs Down."

"But I think things just change and I've found there are plenty of people still working to make the Kent music scene work."

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Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate. Good times and more. Box 430670

RAMSAY REVIVAL
Honest, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out and stay in with good company, darts etc. WLTW similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816

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Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERRY
Hi I'm 37, 5ft6, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, n's gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

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Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897985

HUGS AND LAUGHS AND CUDDLES
Honest, sincere female, 38, goth, live with my children, love a laugh, looking for friendship and hugs with a nice gent. Box 896465

YOUR TIME IS COMING
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OUTGOING,
Single, large build, tall lady, aged 43, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's go! Box 895908

STRIKE ME!
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Lovely bubbly fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 895928

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest, 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, blonde hair, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

NO GAME PLAYERS!
Female, 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship and hoping for more. Box 158956

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

MAKE ME GIGGLE
Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, in, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, happy puppy dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 895944

THE WIT TO WOO!
Kent female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, coming out, with a GSOH, I like keep fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

HAPPY TIMES
35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with loving, caring guy around 35-40. Does that sound like you? Box 433380

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum of 4, GSOH, enjoys time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

SECOND THAT EMOTION
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffees, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic gent, for a chat and more. Box 436807

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

TRAVEL HAPPY
Medway female, 36, 5ft6, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur drama, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
35-year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, caros, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm 48, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTW compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

DEEP DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435908

STOP THE SHAKES!
Hello, 49yr old female, 5ft3, blonde, nervous/outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

THE ONE
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'2", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435908

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 45-55 for friendship. Box 909974

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Lucky, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433885

BIG HEART
Now to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5ft7, seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in. Box 437028

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 156367

LAST CHANCE!
Friendly, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTW genuine, loving male, 46-48, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate, enjoys walks, socialising and more. Box 436991

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate, enjoys walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

ARE WE SOUL MATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, leading to hopefully more. Box 430654

DEAL?
Box, 55yrs young, 5ft, cuddly, honest, easygoing, GSOH, enjoys reading, films and a glass of wine! seeking like-minded male, Deal area, for friendship, perhaps LTR. Box 895968

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tall lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 433808

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

LOOK HERE
Hi, I'm an attractive 57yr old widow, love animals, holidays and home life, seeking male 58-70 for friendship and then go for love. Box 437078

PLASH OF COLOUR
Friendly retired lady, 70, 5'2", average build, silver/brown hair, happy, cheerful, likes company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

A CERTAIN SMILE
Peter, 38, 5ft11, slim build, enjoys music, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 423664

HAPPY HAPPY
Outgoing, easygoing male, 39, slim build, short brown hair, like eating out, especially Italian food, enjoy ten-pin bowling, looking for a like-minded, compatible female. GSOH. Box 436880

QUALITY TIME
Interests: music, cinema, cosy nights in, looking for a woman to have fun with. I'm divorced, 39yrs old, and hoping for companionship. Box 436878

THE RIGHT NOTE
Hi I'm 39, 5ft10, I love walking the dogs, sports, socialising with friends, cinemas, pubs, clubs, live music, travel, seeking a nice lady 30-45 with GSOH. Box 437180

STRIKE OR SPARE?
39yr old male with blue eyes, 5ft7, loves eating out, ten-pin bowling, cinema, clubbing, seeking a female for friendship, good times and long term relationship. Box 435905

CANT BUY ME LOVE
Hi M, 62, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoy golf, sports and travel, seeking fun, outgoing female for friendship and more. Maidstone. Box 438409

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY
Hi, I'm 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, but serious lady to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 436686

ASHFORD MAN
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5ft6, medium/stokey build, brown hair, own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430286

DANCING IN THE STREET
Young single, Sagittarian, 52 year old, brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded stocky female, for fun and more. Box 435191

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim build, enjoys nights out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920288

POT SPARK INTO LIFE
Happy, contented solvent lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

KEEPEE DANCING
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

DON'T PASS ME BY
Down 61 year old, 5ft6, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating out, I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434421

EXPERIENCE ALL THAT'S BEST
Divorced lady, 61, NS, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, diving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424885

SHALL WE DANCE?
Blonde lady, 60's, 5ft7, slim, NS, likes holidays, dancing, 60's music and country & western, WLTW tall, sincere gent. Box 898035

HAVE A GIGGLE WITH ME
65yr old young-at-heart widow, 5ft5, slim, GSOH, enjoys golf, theatre, music, reading and more, WLTW kind, honest male for friendship, possibly more. Box 436430

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PROPERTY NEWS

Experiment online in interior design

A NEW website which allows house-holders to create a virtual interior design make-over in order to view their options has just been launched.

Mydeco is the latest venture by Martha Lane Fox and Brent Hoberman, who made their names when they founded ticketing, entertainment and leisure site Lastminute.com.

The new site allows people to create a virtual version of their home, enabling them to experiment online with all aspects of design – paint, wallpaper, flooring, furniture and lighting – and buy them through the site.

It is interactive as well – other users can comment on your virtual room, suggest ideas and even, if they are sufficiently inspired, buy one of the items of furniture in it themselves – giving you a cut.

Mr Hoberman said: "Between 50 and 60 per cent of people need pictorial representation of something to visualise it."

Landlords are you going green yet?

A DAY never passes without someone talking about strategies for protecting the planet.

Energy efficiency is a hot topic for landlords, along with the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the European Directive adopted in 2001.

Many of them are asking if it is worth investing in making improvements now, before the legislation is implemented next autumn.

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw, said: "New regulations already apply to houses in multiple occupancy and we expect that by this autumn all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates.

"If landlords are refurbishing they should consult their local Building Regulations Officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are:

- Cavity wall and loft insulation are very cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

- If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls.

- A combi boiler saves space as well as energy.

- Replace appliances with ones displaying Energy Saving Recommended logo.



UNDER REVIEW: The review of practices in lending high 100 per cent-plus mortgages was prompted after the well publicised difficulties Northern Rock ran into recently

Lenders are axing the mega-mortgage

■ BY NICK AMES

MORTGAGES which let people borrow more than the value of their home are on the way out.

Before Christmas, a third of lenders offered mortgages of 100 per cent or more – but now just one in ten do so.

The 125 per cent mortgages are often taken out by desperate young first-time buyers and cash-strapped divorcees who require the extra money for stamp duty, legal fees, decorating and other costs, but are instantly plunged into negative equity because the value of their home is less than the size of their loan.

Now mortgage companies have appeared to accept that lending such sums is wrong.

Experts say there are two reasons for this – lenders themselves are struggling to raise money for loans, and they are worried about

handing it over to the highest-risk borrowers.

Mega-mortgages have become common only over the last decade, fuelled by people's desperation to get on to the property ladder before prices soared further out of reach.

Industry sources estimate up to 20,000 loans every year have been handed out to people borrowing 100 per cent or more.

Alliance & Leicester was the first to make the move, axing its "Plus Mortgage" range which offered up to 125 per cent of the house value.

Then Abbey, the second-biggest mortgage lender, and Coventry Building Society, said they will scrap their deals.

Despite the gloomy recent economic forecasts there was a rebound in mortgage lending during January with total advances jumping

by 11 per cent.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said £26.5 billion was lent during the month, up from £23.92 billion in December and in line with the figure for January last year.

The review of practices in lending mortgages was prompted by the difficulties Northern Rock ran into.

Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at monesupermarket.com, said: "There's absolutely no doubt Northern Rock was walking a seriously risky tightrope.

"They were offering mortgages of four or five times the applicant's income.

"People who have borrowed a lot for their mortgages often don't stop there, and may have gone on to acquire other unsecured debts.

"There will undoubtedly be some who won't be able to rehouse elsewhere."

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Your Move are offering with vacant possession and located on the popular St. Mary's Island Development, is this four bedroom executive style detached family home. The property is located on a popular fishing village area. St. Mary's Island is an up and coming modern developments within access to the M2 motorway via the Medway Tunnel and access to Chatham and Gillingham Town Centres. On the Dockside Development you have the Outlet Centre, Cinema, pubs and shops. Accommodation comprised entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room to the ground floor, to the first floor you will find three bedrooms, with two bedrooms having en-suite facilities and a family bathroom. There are also stairs to the top floor, which incorporates bedroom four which gives access to a balcony and also has a mezzanine level. The property is set on a corner plot and has front, rear and side gardens. There is a garage and off street parking for approximately two cars.

£439,950

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**ST MARYS ISLAND**

Your Move are delighted to offer to the market this four bedroom modern style detached home with the further benefit of two further guest rooms plus shower room to the top floor located on the sought after St. Marys Island development and is in a cul-de-sac position. The property has accommodation comprising of entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, lounge area, dining area, breakfast room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility room to the ground floor. To the first floor you will find four bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and family bathroom. To the top floor you will find two separate bedrooms and a separate shower room. We have been advised by the vendor that this property has been granted building regulations the number is SP/040295. These details must be checked by your solicitor before purchase. Externally there is a double size garage with parking via private drive and a rear garden. An internal viewing of this house is highly recommended.

£425,000

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**RAINHAM**

Your Move are delighted to offer for sale this individually built property on a rare development, situated in a semi rural location, yet within access of Rainham Town Centre and rail links.

Internally the property benefits from a modern design, with kitchen, lounge/dinner and cloakroom to the ground floor. On the first floor there are three bedrooms (master with en-suite) and family bathroom. To the top floor there is a further bedroom with velux style windows overlooking the Medway Estuary and en-suite.

Externally the property has a rear garden and the grounds are entered via electronic gates, with a sweeping gravelled driveway that leads through the development.

There are views over the Medway Estuary and the property also benefits from allocated parking and its own garage.

£360,000

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**BORSTAL ROAD**

Your Move are delighted to offer for sale this semi detached Victorian house which boasts a wealth of period features and uninterrupted views over the River Medway to the rear. The property is arranged over four levels and includes five double bedrooms, three reception rooms, a modern fitted kitchen/dining room, shower room and re-fitted family bathroom with roll top claw foot bath. Many original features have been retained including fireplaces, sash windows and floor tiling. Externally there is a terraced rear garden measuring approximately 150ft, a workshop with power and light, courtyard to lower ground floor at the front plus garage and driveway to the side. The property is located within approximately 1 mile of Rochester Town Centre, the Castle, Cathedral and local grammar schools including King's School. Your internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate everything this house has to offer.

£630,000

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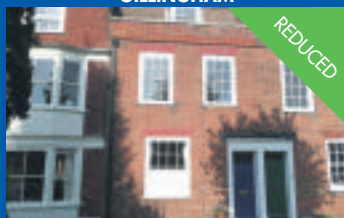
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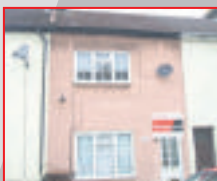
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4 bedroom semi detached home comprising: lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, study, two other rooms, cloakroom, shower room & bathroom. Features include a GCHS, DG (where stated) & an approx 140' rear garden.



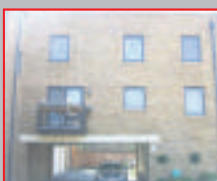
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Mid terrace home comprising: lounge, kitchen/diner, 1st floor bathroom & three bedrooms. Features include a GCHS & a garage en bloc.



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Four bedroom town home comprising: utility room, study, lounge/diner, kitchen, wc, en-suite bathroom & a bathroom. Features include GCHS, DG, two balconies, garage & 2 additional parking spaces. NO CHAIN!!



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Four bedroom detached family home in village location. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs W/C, four bedrooms, first floor bathroom, driveway parking, garage, corner plot rear garden, gas central heating.



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Two bedroom terraced home located in a Cul de Sac location of Nightingale Close. Property comprises of lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, garage en-bloc. No forward chain.



RAINHAM £185,995

Two bedroom detached bungalow comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage, front and rear gardens.



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Two bedroom end of terraced home in a cul de sac location. The property comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen, two double bedrooms, first floor bathroom, integral garage, driveway, rear garden, double glazing, gas central heating.



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RAINHAM £225,995

Three bedroom semi detached family home. Property comprising of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, open plan extended kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage, gas central heating.



RAINHAM £172,000

Two bedroom semi detached 'Dutch Barn' style home. The property comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, garage, rear garden, gas central heating.



ST MARYS ISLAND £335,000

End of terrace townhouse. Consisting of three bedrooms, two en-suites, open plan kitchen, lounge/diner, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, two balconies, bathroom, DG, GCHS, front and rear gardens, garage.



WOULDHAM £219,995

Townhouse situated in the village location consisting of three bedrooms, bedroom four/dining room, en-suite shower room, kitchen, lounge/diner, balcony, bathroom, DG, GCHS, front and rear gardens, parking, views over countryside.



WOULDHAM £205,000

A character property situated in the village location of Wouldham. This property demands internal viewing and consists of three bedrooms, kitchen, lounge, bathroom, DG, GCHS, front and rear gardens, two parking spaces.



ROCHESTER £265,000

A Grade II Listed semi-detached townhouse set over four floors. This property consists of three bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, dining room, study, cloakroom, bathroom, rear courtyard, parking.



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A top floor apartment situated on the residential development of the Esplanade. Consisting of two bedrooms, kitchen, lounge/diner, bathroom, DG, GCHS, two balconies, one undercroft parking space, views of River Medway and Rochester Castle.



ROCHESTER £249,995

Townhouse situated on the residential development of the Esplanade. This property consists of three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, kitchen/diner, lounge, balcony, bathroom, dg, gchs, courtyard, integral garage, driveway.



WOULDHAM £179,995

A two bedroom terraced property situated in the village location of Wouldham. Consisting of kitchen, lounge/diner, ground floor cloakroom, bathroom, DG, GCHS, front and rear gardens, two allocated parking spaces, NO CHAIN.



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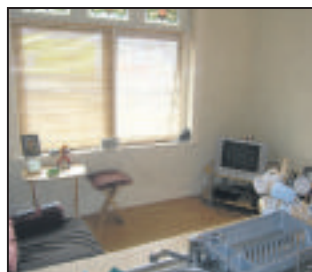
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SALES



Stroud £99,995 LH

- Ground floor
- One bedroom apartment
- Fitted kitchen area
- Shower room
- Reception with laminate flooring



Stroud £105,000 LH

- First floor
- One bedroom apartment
- Open plan kitchen & reception
- Shower room
- Central location



Rainham £149,995 FH

- 3 Bedrooms
- Victorian terrace
- Modern bathroom & kitchen
- Reception & dining room
- No chain



Rochester £350,000 FH

- Four bedroom detached
- Spacious kitchen, reception and conservatory
- Large rear garden
- Bathroom, WC and en-suite shower room
- Detached double garage and driveway



Rochester offers over £299,995 LH

- Penthouse apartment
- Three double bedrooms
- Mezzanine level & fitted kitchen
- Reception with balcony and direct river views
- Two allocated parking spaces



Stroud £117,000 LH

- Potential investment
- One bedroom duplex apartment
- Reception & kitchen
- Access to rear garden
- Currently let at £530pcm

LETTINGS



Chatham £550pcm

- Two double bedrooms
- Terrace property
- Reception
- Kitchen & bathroom
- Rear Garden



Gillingham £575pcm

- One bedroom maisonette
- New development
- Reception & kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking



Cuxton £750pcm

- Brand new 2 bed
- Reception
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs toilet & family bathroom
- Garden & allocated parking



Stroud £850pcm

- Three bedrooms
- Reception, kitchen and bathroom
- Rear garden
- Garage and driveway



Rochester £1300pcm

- Four bedrooms
- Semi detached
- Reception with balcony and river view
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Garage and driveway

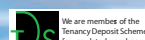


St Mary's Island £1450pcm

- Four double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Bathroom and two en-suite shower rooms
- Double garage and driveway
- Fully fitted kitchen and rear garden

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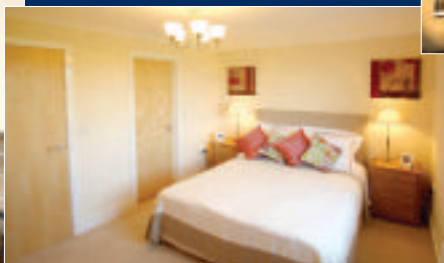


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MOTORS NEWS



Chevy's quality Aveo

VALUE champ Chevrolet launches a new supermini onto the market in May.

The Aveo (above) replaces the current Kalos line-up, initially in five-door form with a three-door arriving shortly.

Prices have yet to be announced, but expect them to be ultra-competitive in line with the US brand's bid to go global with its tradition of everyday motoring.

But while it should be cheap, 'Chevy' says the Aveo will be more high class inside than the now dated Kalos.

'Soft-touch' quality plastics and improved fabrics are promised as well as a lively new fuel-efficient 84PS/83bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine and a 98PS/97bhp 1.4-litre unit.



New Accord aims high

HONDA will pitch its all-new Accord at the likes of Mercedes, BMW and Audi when it arrives in the spring.

The Japanese brand's engine technology is already up with those German premium brands, but Honda is also claiming better chassis dynamics than before.

The new car's styling is an evolution of the current car, although increased width and a lower stance accentuated by bigger wheel arches make it more muscular looking – most noticeable on the new Tourer or estate.



New Suzuki ready to make big price splash

SUZUKI'S all-new Splash mini-MPV cum city car goes on sale on March 8 from £8,999 for the 1.2 GLS entry model.

But £500 more buys you the £9,499, 1.2 GLS+ flagship, adding 15-inch alloys, front foglamps and privacy glass on the rear side windows and tailgate.

Both have an 85bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine with five-speed gearbox, but the GLS+ can be specified with a four-speed automatic for £10,349.

Combined fuel consumption is 51.4mpg for the manual and 47.9mpg for the auto



HANDSOME BEAST: Prices for the Audi A3 Sportback start at more than £16,000 which may seem pricey for a car in the Ford Focus family hatchback range – but it's worth it

Audi A3 Sportback's case for downsizing

HOW do you downsize from an executive saloon to do your bit for the environment, while keeping some status and space to cart the family about?

By checking out Audi's rather handsome five-door A3 Sportback.

Prices start at more than £16,000 – pricey for what is essentially a Ford Focus class family hatchback – but not for a car that oozes class from its compact dimensions.

The boot is only slightly bigger than the three-door A3 – not much for an extra £500 and two more doors – but rear passengers will thank you for the extra convenience and accessibility.

Interior fit and finish is top-notch, with key dials and gauges arranged within the arc of the steering wheel; everything you touch feels made to last and works logically and you sense a harmony with the car before you fire up the engine.

This sensation is reinforced on the road; the car is based on the 'firmish' VW Golf chassis,

delivering excellent handling manners with a flat cornering stance, good grip and sharp steering.

Ah, but hang on. If the Audi is derived from the Golf, why not simply save a stack of cash and go for a car that has a decent amount of cachet in its own right?

Fair point, but if you are a premium badge buyer or company car 'user chooser' this car allows you to stay in that status zone and, even though you or your company/leasing firm will pay more up front, the Sportback will be worth more when you hand over the keys.

The A3 is also a car that has the all-important feel-good factor and I was seduced by the test model on this occasion, a near top of the range Sportback 2.0TFSI Quattro S line.

It costs a hefty £25,000, but you get stacks of kit, the turbocharged 197bhp 2.0-litre petrol unit from the Golf GTI and the legendary driver-flattering Quattro all-wheel drive system to help you put that power down.

If the price is a bit rich though, check out the 1.8 TFSI – it starts at £18,585 – you could be downsizing and still having some fun.

ROAD TEST AUDI A3 SPORTBACK

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

BUDGET MOTORS

CAR buyers a decade ago would be astonished by how far their money now goes at the budget end of the market. And we are not talking old technology here either. All three (well actually five, see below) of our chosen bargains are bang up-to-date, drive well, should be reliable and come with a good basic spec, making them perfect city cars, second cars or dependable runabouts for new drivers in the family. This modest line-up is also relatively spacious and flexible inside, despite compact 'footprints' on the road.

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FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S baby was deservedly European Car of the Year in 2004. It shows that a space efficient interior does not have to go with a dull utilitarian exterior – the Panda could function as a van, but looks far more interesting. The distinctive five-door Italian is also fun to drive and cheap to insure and fuel, yet features cutting-edge technology. A lively turbodiesel option – averaging more than 65mpg – rugged 4x4 version and hot 100hp model add to the line-up's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA CITROEN PEUGEOT



TOYOTA masterminded the Aygo but its almost identical Citroën (the C1) and Peugeot (the 107) sisters have been just as successful. The three and five-door cars feature powerful yet economical three-cylinder petrol engines capable of averaging more than 60mpg, but they still perform well. What is more, functional and relatively spacious interiors make them pleasing to travel in as well, while their compact dimensions belie a EuroNCAP four-star safety rating.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

KIA PICANTO



FROM majoring on value and very little else, Korea's Kia has become one of the fastest growing car brands in the UK by adding design and customer appeal to its virtues. The five-door Picanto city car highlights this advance, with its cheeky looks and generous spec; standard kit includes steering wheel adjustment, remote central locking, ABS, front electric windows, split folding seats and a radio/CD player. Insurance is also cheap and both engine options average well over 50mpg.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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A3, 2.0 TDI Sport 3dr DSG, 1y04nfr, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, traction control, insurance group 11, black, 36000 miles, £12994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 T Quaro, 719649, att tti 1.8 t quattro 2dr [180] [6] hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2002, 56360 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 2 previous owners, silver, £11495, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

CONTINENTAL GT, 2005, umbrin red met with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £54950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 0175426700 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 316i SE 1895cc 4 door, 2000, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels met silver, 107000 miles, £3995, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 852639, finished in poly silver with grey interior manual, grey, 8000 miles, £5695, caffyns chevrolet 1wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 1.0, 870639, finished in red with grey interior manual, grey, 41000 miles, £3995, caffyns chevrolet 1wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 0.8, 867639, black, £4995, caffyns chevrolet 1wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C3, 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2006, 1.6i 16v sx 5dr auto hatch, iron grey, 11000 miles, £7495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i SX 5dr, 2007, 1.4i sx 5dr hatch, silver, £7995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Cool 5dr, 2007, 1.4i cool 5dr hatch special edition, silver, 4800 miles, £8250, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDI 16V SX 5dr, 2005, 1.4 hdi 16v sx 5dr diesel hatch, silver, 30000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Desire 5dr, 2005, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, blue, 16500 miles, £5995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634765 (TRADE)

LAcETTI, SX 1.6, 25637, finished in mint green with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £4995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3dr 1349cc, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

FIAT

BRAVO, T-JET, alarm, alloy wheels, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, side airbags, red, 7000 miles, £11995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 11 2.0JTD, 655182, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, air bag, abs, cd player, red, 14000 miles, £6000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr Auto (2005 - 2007), 29/03/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 10663 miles, £8999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 30/03/2006, cd player abs power steering silver, 20403 miles, £7499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr (Climate Pack) (2005 - 2007), 30/03/2007, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 4251 miles, £12999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Sport 5dr Auto (2005 - 2007), 29/03/2007, cd player abs silver, 9334 miles, £10499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 TDCi LX 5dr CVT Auto [110] [Euro 4] (2006 - 20, 28/09/2006, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 11199 miles, £10134, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

KA, Collection 3dr, 5887079, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, air conditioning, cd player, power steering, cloth upholstery, radio, air bag, silver, £3200 miles, £2295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr Vtec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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Required From: 1 September 2008

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Kent ME8 0NU
Telephone - (01634) 338710
Email headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

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Teacher

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Full time and fixed term
Contract: 2 Terms
Required From: 21 April 2008

To apply/more information

Ms Jacqueline Harrison
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Maidstone Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 3EL
Telephone - (01634) 844008
E-mail harrison@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

RE Teacher
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Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 March 2008

To apply/more information:

Emma Chilmaid
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham Kent ME5 7EH
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Fax - 01634 571928
Email chile001@medway.org.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

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Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 March 2008

To apply/more information

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Salary: MPS/UPS
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 5 March 2008

To apply/more information

Sue Moss
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Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
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To apply/more information

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To apply/more information

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Gillingham Kent ME7 1UG
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Email office@rivermead.medway.sch.uk



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For an informal discussion relating to job ref. COM0907L, please contact Hanife Dacosta on 01634 338456 or email hanife.dacosta@medway.gov.uk

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For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Mark Walsh on 01634 336236 or 07789 988165 (mobile).

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Starting salary £16,221 with progression through contribution related pay to £17,842 pro rata

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Joynes House, Gravesend

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You will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation. Ref: CFE/08/0059

The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous.

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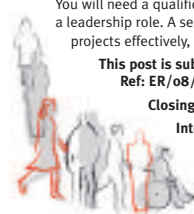
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For more information on any of these posts,
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Dated 22/02/2008
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Dated: 21/02/2008
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION PREMISES LICENSE

An application for a premises license has been made by **Naveed Anwar Mirza** to Medway Council in regards to the premises known as **Dixy Chicken** which is situated at **46 Canterbury Street Gillingham, KENT ME7 5TX**.

The purpose of the application is as follows:
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A Record of application may be inspected by Licensing Service Team, Public Protection Division, Medway Council; Annex A First Floor, Civic Centre Strood Rochester, KENT ME2 4AU. During Normal Office hours Monday to Friday. Any representative by interested parties or responsible authorities regarding the application must be made in written to the Licensing Service Team, Public Protection Division, Medway Council; Annex A First Floor, Civic Centre Strood Rochester, KENT ME2 4AU by March 19 2008. It is an offence liable on summary conviction to fine up to Level 5 (£5000) on the standard scale to knowingly make a false statement in connection with the application.

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Application packs are available from Lee Spicer-Howard, Committee Services, Corporate Affairs, Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 9QY. If you would like more information, please ring Lee for an informal chat on 01903 832023. lee.spicer-howard@environment-agency.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is 14th March 2008.

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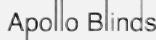
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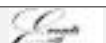
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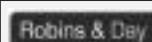
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Manslaughter seminar

LEADING law firm Brachers will hold a seminar to help businesses prepare for the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act coming into force on April 6.

The special event will take place at Medway House in Maidstone on March 20 at 2pm for a 2.15pm start.

It will focus on systems which organisations should have in place to reduce exposure to liability for corporate manslaughter – and which should improve their overall efficiency and safety too.

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Programme puts teens into careers

BY NICK AMES

THE first National Apprenticeship Week was launched this week to encourage more businesses and young people to take up a variety of opportunities.

One hundred and eleven young people have enrolled on the county council's Kent Success Programme – aimed at 16 to 19 year olds who are looking to learn and gain a qualification while they are working, and who have shown an interest in starting their career within the public sector.

Fifty-two are still currently studying for their apprenticeship qualification.

Of the 37 young people who have completed their qualification, 16 have remained employed by Kent County Council and a further 14 have found permanent jobs with other public or private sector organisations.

The young people are undertaking apprenticeships in childcare, health and social care, customer service, business and administration and catering.

County councillor Mark Dance said: "I'm really enthused by our apprenticeship programme.

"Working in the public sector is challenging but hugely rewarding. We have seen the benefits of apprenticeships and learned a lot over the last two years.

"A model of best practice has been developed to showcase the programme and what has worked within KCC so that employers can implement a similar programme within their organisation."

The development of the Kent Apprenticeship Programme is a target of Towards 2010, a plan which aims to improve the quality of life for Kent's residents.

The target is to provide at least 250 apprenticeship opportunities within KCC itself and 750 in other public and private sector organisations across the county.

It is part of a national scheme which looks set to be a major way to bring young people into the work place and help them develop skills and abilities.

Charlotte Harris, 18, has completed her apprenticeship with KCC and gained employment with the council.

She said: "The apprenticeship programme has benefited me in a whole range of ways. I successfully gained an NVQ Level 2 in Business and Administration, and I now have numerous office skills and extended knowledge of the workplace."



EMPLOYED: Charlotte Harris, 18, successfully gained an NVQ Level 2 in Business and Administration



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UNBEATEN: Grant Baxter has captained the Mos to the title without losing a game

Dynamos ready for play-offs

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INVICTA Dynamos clinched their fifth successive National League title and completed an unbeaten regular season with a draw at nearest challengers Streatham Redskins.

Andy Smith and Damian Welch scored as the Mos returned to form in the final game of the season.

Kevin Parrish's side had won the ENIHL South B title 24 hours earlier with a 5-2 victory away at Romford Spitfires. Smith netted twice, with Matthew Drake, Elliot Andrews and Anthony Leone completing the scoring for the visitors.

The Mos coach told Yourmedway: "I'm glad we have done it and to finish with an unbeaten record is an added bonus. We had a few tired players in

the end but they have done the job and I'm proud of them."

They will begin the post-season play-offs this weekend with a double header against Peterborough Islanders and the Redskins.

Cardiff complete the four-team group, with home and away matches before the end of March. Whoever finishes top after the six games will progress to play the top northern team at the final in Coventry.

Last season the Mos stumbled at the final hurdle and Haringey Greyhounds qualified instead, something Parrish does not want to repeat.

He said: "We didn't play well in the play-offs last year so we have got something to prove now. We missed out and there are a few guys who are desperate to put that right."

Slovakian forward Tomas Hentek could return to contention after spending a month on the sidelines with a knee injury.

After visiting Peterborough this Saturday, the Mos' first home game is this Sunday against arch rivals Streatham Redskins at the Gillingham Ice Bowl. Face-off is at 5.15pm.

Ladies put on a cracking show

GEMMA Smith scored her first goal for four years as Gillingham Anchorians ladies 1st XI beat BBHC 3-1 on Saturday.

Anchs looked dangerous from the start and a flowing move found Smith at the top of the circle with a cracking shot that rattled inside the far post.

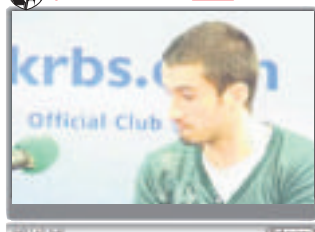
Anchs continued to push forward and increased their lead when Sarah Inwood's shot took a deflection and looped over the keeper. A third came from Lou Barrett who went on a loopy run before lifting the ball past the keeper.

The home side eventually found some reward just a few minutes from the end when they scored from a short corner.

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Gills defender John Nutter discusses the club's inter-house table tennis comp

Ellis sets up win with four tries

MEDWAY RFC breezed into the second round of the Kent Vase on Saturday as they saw off HSBC 45-7.

The Kent Two league leaders scored two minutes into the match and never looked back, notching seven tries in all, four of them from Rob Ellis.

It was Ellis who scored in the second minute and further tries were added by Glen Wadsworth, Danny Williams and Tyler Gee as Medway ran out winners in the first round of the cup.

Medway resume their league title campaign this Saturday when HSBC are again the opponents.

Taff Gwilliam's side lead Kent Two by a single point, but wins in their final three matches will guarantee a second successive promotion. They won 28-7 when the sides met at Priestfields earlier this season, but HSBC are strong at home, recording three league wins in a row.

Medway under-17s won the Kent Plate final after they overcame Beckenham 10-5. Matt Wadhams and Simon Delange scored the tries.



AT LAST: Gillingham's players applaud the Priestfield faithful after their seven-game winless run came to an end against Huddersfield on Saturday

Picture KEITH SLATER

Last minute penalty gives much-needed win to Gills

ADAM Miller's penalty four minutes from time ended Gillingham's long winless run to lift the gloom around Priestfield and edge them clear of the relegation zone.

Just as a poor game looked to be heading for a goalless draw, substitute Delroy Facey was felled on the edge of the box. Miller stepped up and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way to score the team's first league goal at home since December.

Gills boss Mark Stimson was relieved to record a win for the first time in eight games and paid tribute to Miller for scoring the high pressure spot kick. He said: "There's no one better than Miller to stand up and take it because one thing the kid has got is a massive heart and he will not shy away from a challenge. The way he put the ball down and put it in the bottom corner was very pleasing for me.

"We have got to enjoy this result because it

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Gillingham 1 Huddersfield Town 0

has been a long time, too long, not to win a game of football and I'm glad it's done now. We needed to win and we have done that."

The Gills boss changed to a 3-5-2 formation, with Danny Cullip making his debut after joining the club earlier in the week.

The centre-back had not played a competitive game since early October, but he showed no signs of ring-tiredness as he put on a commanding performance in the heart of defence.

Cullip became Stimson's tenth signing when he joined on non-contract terms until the end of the season and he could yet prove to be his most important addition.

At 31, he still has several years left at this

level and with almost 400 appearances under his belt, he is just the sort of player required for a battle against the drop.

He deservedly won the man-of-the-match award, a move backed by Stimson.

He said: "The biggest thing for me was Danny wanted a challenge. He knew he wasn't going to come here and everything would be rosy but he is a no-nonsense defender and he enjoys the battles against tough opposition. He is helping the young players around him to hopefully become better players."

The victory was the first since beating Huddersfield last month and took them above Crewe and out of the relegation zone by virtue of their 3-2 win at Gresty Road in December.

The situation at the bottom is still extremely tight, with one point separating Crewe in 21st from Millwall in 18th.

Another win at Priestfield when Yeovil visit this Saturday is essential if they are to build up some momentum ahead of a run of tough fixtures away from home later in March.

Binks: My Chats team need time

FOOTBALL

BY YOUR MEDWAYREPORTER

Leatherhead 2 Chatham Town 1

STEVE Binks claims his side lacked the necessary cutting edge in front of the goal as they slumped to defeat in Surrey.

The Chatham boss played three new signings; Rob Denness, Steve Hafner and Richard Avery, but they were unable to prevent their new team sliding to defeat – a result that sees them drop to 18th in Ryman Division One South.

The Chats took the lead after 20 minutes through Shane Suter's strike, but it took Leatherhead only 15 minutes to level the scores.

A shot from the edge of the area rebounded off the bar and into the path of Steve McNamara who made no mistake.

With the last kick of the half, the home side took the lead courtesy of an excellent strike from a narrow angle by Tommy Hutchings.

There were few opportunities for either side in the second half, although Steve Best can count himself unlucky to have not earned his side a penalty when he was sent crashing in the area.

A disappointed Binks said: "We got off to a reasonable start. We started to get on top, scored a goal and I thought it would perk our players up but I got the opposite."

"Their equaliser, Miroslav, came for a ball he should never have done."

"Although we probably had plenty of the ball in the second half it wasn't quite good enough."

"I was delighted with Rob Denness' performance, although he tired in the last 20 minutes. Hafner did well and Avery was excellent at the back."

"We had our moments but didn't create very much, we lacked a cutting edge."

Binks expects his side to bounce back, but admits it will take a bit of time for his new signings to gel.

He added: "I think it will take a while for the new players to bed in. Denness played up front



ON TARGET: Shane Suter gave his side the lead but the Chats were pegged back by two goals just before half-time

with Mark Brooks who was suffering with an illness. Darren Smith went up front instead but had a blow to the head in the first half and it didn't help him.

"We need to pick up points so I will be looking

for a response again. Overall the work rate and desire was excellent, it wasn't through a lack of effort."

The Chats take on Walton Casuals at Maidstone Road on Saturday, kick-off at 3pm.

PLAYER FOCUS



AIMING HIGH: Gills defender John Nutter

Nutter not worried of relegation threat

JOHN Nutter claims looking at the league table will not improve his side's chances of escaping relegation.

The Gills defender, who signed as one of four players to come from Conference side Stevenage Borough, admits it is up to the squad to determine where the club are at the end of the season and they have not ruled out a top half finish.

He said: "There is still a third of the season left so you can achieve a lot in that time. If we get two points a game from 15 games we would have 60-plus points which would put us firmly in the top half, so I'm not talking about any sort of targets. There's a third of the season to go and we can achieve a lot of points in that time so we are not even thinking about relegation."

Nutter also revealed the team don't really keep an eye on their position in the table because they are only concerned with where they finish in May.

He said: "Maybe if it comes down to the last three or four games when we need to rely on others then fair enough, but we don't need to rely on anyone but ourselves. We have just got to look each other in the eye and say we are going to pull together and get out of where we are at the moment. "The table matters on May 3 with the last game of the season, that's when we will see how we've done this season. Obviously we want to be higher in the league but the only people who can change that are us."

The left back has been ever present for Mark Stimson's side since Christmas and he insists the step-up from the Conference has presented a good challenge at this stage of his career.

He said: "It's been fantastic being here, I have worked hard in lower levels of football to get to this stage and I'm here to make the most of it. I can definitely play a lot better, especially than I have done in the last couple of weeks but every game is a new challenge. It's obviously a better standard but it doesn't frighten me or anyone else who has come up, we are all really enjoying it."

Holcombe wrap up league title early

HOCKEY

University of Cambridge 2 Holcombe Ladies 5

HOLCOMBE wrapped up the East Women's Premier title with four games to spare thanks to a resounding win at the University of Cambridge.

Candice Forwood scored twice, while Jennie Hoyte, Natalie Goldring and Julia Axcell all got on the score sheet to complete a comfortable win.

The side have dominated the division this season, with 17 wins from their 18 matches, scoring an average of almost five goals a game.

It continues a remarkable run for the side, who have been promoted for the past three seasons.

Team coach Mike Haines admitted his team's performances had exceeded his hopes.

He told Yourmedway: "We started the season with a view to consolidate after being promoted last season. I knew we had built up a decent squad but we didn't know what the step up was going to be like."

"We kept winning and one thing led to another, we are genuinely surprised with how we have done."

Despite winning the title, Holcombe are not yet guaranteed promotion. With the divisions above undergoing a restructuring process, they will enter an end of season tournament with five other teams.

The games will be played at the end of April, with the final three matches taking place over a gruelling May Bank Holiday weekend in Bristol. Only if Holcombe finish in the top two will they be promoted for a fourth successive season and play in the national leagues next season.

Picture: GOR KUPFO



ON THE RUN: Holcombe only lost one league game en route to the league title

The team could still finish with a double celebration, with their Kent Cup challenge still alive. After wins against Belvedere &

Bexleyheath and Cliftonville, they take on Folkestone in the semi-final this Sunday for a place in the showpiece final in May.

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